# Viola Zhao

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# **EDUCATION**

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA CHAMPAIGN

B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND LINGUISTICS
Expected May 2023

#### **SKILLS**

Java, HTML, CSS, Android Studio, Swift, JavaScript, Git, Website Design

# **COURSEWORK**

Intro to Computer Science Intro to Language Science

#### LINKS

Github://violazhao LinkedIn:// viola-zhao-80a322146

## LANGUAGES

English (Native/bilingual proficiency)
Mandarin (Native/bilingual proficiency)
Spanish (Limited working proficiency)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **STEM Instructor at Silicon Valley Youth**

Aug 2017 - Aug 2019 | Silicon Valley, CA

- Student-run nonprofit organization
- All tuition is donated to the Ravenswood School District in lowincome East Palo Alto
- I created both an Intro to and an Advanced Website Design curriculum to teach middle school students how to create a functional website using HTML and CSS

# Participant of the Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program at IBM Bay Area

Jun 2017 - Aug 2017 | San Jose, CA

- 7-week program with 19 other girls selected from a pool of applicants
- I learned various languages such as Swift, Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, C++, and more
- I developed an app called NutriScan with 3 other girls, and it was featured on the Girls Who Code front page

#### **Tutor**

Mar 2018 – Jul 2019 | Los Gatos, CA

- I tutored a student from Hong Kong in his fourth and fifth grade years
- I taught him English and worked with him on reading and writing
- I also did mathematics and science with him

#### Instructor at SiVI Camp

Jun 2016 - Aug 2016 | Bay Area, CA

 Design thinking organization targeted at international Chinese students

- I taught international Chinese students how to develop STEM projects using design thinking
- I worked with 9 other teachers and taught over 1000 international students over the course of 3 months

# **Buddy at The Buddy Organization**

Feb 2017 - Aug 2017 | San Jose, CA

- Student-run organization
- I was a buddy for special needs students and assisted them with drawing, reading and writing, cooking, mathematics, and playing sports/games
- I mainly worked with an 18-year-old autistic boy and met with him twice a week

## **Assistant Pastry Chef at Dio Deka**

Mar 2018 – Jul 2019 | Los Gatos, CA

- Greek cuisine in Los Gatos; previously a Michelin Starred restaurant
- I assisted the pastry chef in making pastries for customers
- I learned how to work in a fastpaced environment and experienced working in the kitchen for the first time

## **PROJECTS**

# **NUTRISCAN** | CO-DEVELOPER

Jun 2017 – Aug 2017

- Developed using Swift
- App that allows users to input their allergies or food restrictions and scans food labels using the Tesseract OCR API. It then informs users on the foods' nutritional content and whether it is safe to consume based on the users' previous input.