

# Víctor D. Cárdenas

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## EDUCATION

### Stanford University

*B.S. in Computer Science with Minor in Economics*

GPA: 4.048/4.00

Relevant Coursework: Programming Methodologies; Vector Calculus for Engineers; Programming Abstractions; Mechanics; Ethics, Public Policy, and Technological Change; Web Applications; Web Programming Fundamentals; Mathematical Foundations of Computing; Computer Organization and Systems

**Stanford, CA**

*Sep 2019 — Jun 2023*

### Escuela Campo Alegre (American International School)

*IB Diploma: 41/45; SAT: 1550/1600; GPA: 4.878/5.000*

**Caracas, Venezuela**

*Sep 2006 — Jun 2019*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Hoover Institution

*Research Assistant*

**Stanford, CA**

*Jan 2020 — Present*

- Collaborating under tenured professor Stephen Haber on paper, “The Ecological Origins of Economic and Political Systems”
- Gathering latitudes and longitudes of 30,000 cities using web-scraping in R to model the world’s population over time
- Investigating how exogenous factor endowments explain present day variance in GDP and clustering of prosperous democracies

### VM Designs

*Co-Founder, Designer*

**Caracas, Venezuela**

*Jan 2018 — Jul 2019*

- Designed websites for Escuela Campo Alegre libraries, EDAV, Corporacion Cardenas, Rentagz (non-profits and companies)
- Co-Programmed “HAS,” software used by school kiosk and 6 other local businesses to minimize losses due to hyperinflation

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Charles R. Blyth Fund

*Analyst*

**Stanford, CA**

*Jan 2020 — Present*

- Selected to team of analysts responsible for managing \$165k hedge fund devoted to growing Stanford’s endowment
- Conducting market research on a proposed E-commerce position with a \$600bn market cap
- Working with other analysts to create, evaluate, and vote on investment proposals

### Stanford Finance

*Investment Banking Analyst | Prior: Intern*

**Stanford, CA**

*Oct 2019 — Present*

- Creating a 5-year DCF model for Apple using the perpetuity growth method and a price-per-share sensitivity analysis
- Performing growth rate vs. WACC sensitivity analysis on Apple’s implied price-per-share
- Attending exclusive networking events and workshops to prepare for a profession in the financial services industry

### Venezuelan Student Association (VENSA)

*Financial Officer*

**Stanford, CA**

*Sep 2019 — Present*

- Managing budget of \$1500, calculating costs for events to be held in 2020-21 school year, petitioning for funds
- Creating new initiatives to expand the presence of Domestic and International Venezuelan students on campus

### English Debate Association of Venezuela (EDAV)

*Founder, Lead Organizer*

**Caracas, Venezuela**

*Mar 2018 — Aug 2019*

- Established nationwide debate league that selects Venezuelan delegation for World School Debating Championship
- Provided workshops to prospective participants, garnering participation of 250+ debaters and 50 university students and professors who served as judges
- Managed the organization’s executive committee comprised of students from 7 high schools and universities

### Model United Nations

*Deputy Secretary General (THIMUN), Secretary General (SAMUN)*

**Caracas, Venezuela, The Hague, Netherlands**

*Aug 2015 — Feb 2019*

- Supervised research-report writing, coordinated ceremonies, ran training workshops for ~70 chairs, as second in command for THIMUN, world’s largest high school MUN conference (4000+ delegates, 80+ nationalities)
- Coordinated most prominent MUN conference in Venezuela, SAMUN 2018, fundraised, oversaw all logistics

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Awards:** Breakthrough Junior Challenge Finalist 2016 and 2019 (top 15 out of 6000+), National Hispanic Recognition Scholar

**Language:** English (native), Spanish (native)

**Technical:** R, Python, C++, MATLAB, Excel, HTML, CSS

**Design:** Final Cut Pro X, Flash, Illustrator, Photoshop

**Interests:** Digital Currency Investing, Classical Piano, Golf, Latin American Politics