# Victoria Vela

## Software Engineer

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I am a software engineer with a 9 year background in consumer goods sales who is energized by collaborating with team members to solve complex problems. I have a proven history of managing multi-million dollar accounts for customers such as Walmart, Costco, and Whole Foods. I have a passion for improving user experience and am energized by delivering technology-based solutions.

#### **SKILLS**

**Languages** - JavaScript, Python, HTML, CSS, | **Databases** - Relational (PostgreSQL), NoSQL (MongoDB) **Libraries and Frameworks** - React JS, Express.js, Bootstrap, Materialize

Other - RESTful Routing, MVC architecture, object-oriented-programming, version control

Soft Skills - Collaboration, Time-Management, Leadership, Detail-Oriented, Strategic, Negotiation

#### SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

## **Gift Planner** | An application for housing gift ideas

October 2022

- Single-handedly built a full stack **Python/Django** application with full **CRUD** and **User Auth** functionality.
- Used a relational database; **PostgreSQL** to implement a one to many relationship allowing users to add many gift ideas to their respective boards
- Utilized Materialize framework and Flexbox to create a polished front end user interface.

## **Books2Read** | App to browse and find your next book to read

September 2022

- Developed a React JS application with functional components utilizing the New York Times Books API
- Leveraged React Router and Integrated third party API calls into application to send GET requests
- Created a responsive, mobile friendly layout utilizing custom CSS (Flexbox, media queries)

## **LandPost** | App for travel bloggers

August 2022

- Developed a Full-Stack Express app for travel bloggers using the MEN (MongoDB/Mongoose, Express.js, Node.js) stack to handle full CRUD operations
- Collaborated with two other software engineers to plan and build out application utilizing version control and regular check-ins
  to ensure we hit our deadline
- Implemented User Authentication and Authorization in backend as well as Flexbox on front end to enhance the user interface

## War Card Game | A browser based card game

**July 2022** 

- Utilized HTML, CSS, & JavaScript to develop a web-based card game
- Implemented JavaScript for game logic such as card shuffle, war, and win/loss functionality. Implemented DOM manipulation to render the game in user-friendly format
- Applied a dynamic layout using Flexbox to control the user interface of the application

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### General Mills Inc. | Minneapolis, MN

August 2013 - June 2022

#### **Customer Account Manager - Blue Buffalo Division (Albertsons)**

- Partnered with Albertsons corporate buying team on strategic objectives through regular touchpoints and strategy sessions
- Grew distribution and dollar share by working with cross-functional teams to create and execute winning plans
- Maintained up to date forecasts which resulted in achieving our budgetary and sales volume goals
- Utilized syndicated data to influence merchandising and distribution decisions at Albertsons resulting in YOY sales growth

## **Customer Account Manager (Whole Foods & Nat/Org East)**

- Collaborated with cross functional partners to develop plans that drove annual distribution and dollar growth
- Partnered with broker to drive strategic initiatives through to the retailer store level
- Delivered volume, distribution, and budgetary and budgetary goals

## Trade Planning Lead (HEB, Meijer, Publix)

- Managed the centralized planning team on the Cereal business unit
- Supported customer teams by providing trade, volume, and forecasting strategies and solutions
- Utilized syndicated data to create sales decks for customer teams to leverage resulting in distribution gains on shelf.

## Various Progressive Sales Roles (Costco, Walmart)

- Strategically managed holistic General Mills business for Costco
- Profitably managed General Mills' multi-million dollar trade budget for Walmart Snacks business
- Accurately forecasted sales volume outlook to deliver on key strategic business and financial targets

## **EDUCATION**

## **General Assembly | Remote**

**July 2022 - October 2022** 

Software Engineering Immersive

Full-stack software engineering immersive student in an intensive, twelve-week, 450+ hour program focused on product development fundamentals, object-oriented programming, MVC frameworks, data modeling, and team collaboration strategies. Developed a portfolio of individual and group projects.

## University of Arkansas, Sam M Walton School of Business | Fayetteville, AR

**Graduated May 2013** 

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration (Marketing)

GPA: 3.77