

RHODA PICKENS

San Antonio, TX

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SUMMARY

Software engineering student with hands-on experience in Java, Spring Boot, SQL, Python, and JavaScript

EDUCATION

Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, UT

Anticipated: July 2026

Bachelor of Science, Software Engineering

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Java (Frameworks/Back-End), Data Structures & Algorithms, JavaScript Programming, Front-End Development, Software Security & Testing, Advanced Data Management, Cloud Foundations, UX/UI Design

SKILLS

Technical Skills: Java, Spring Boot, Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Object-Oriented Programming, Git, RESTful APIs, SQL, Angular, React, AWS Cloud, WordPress, UX/UI Design

Soft Skills: Problem-solving, analytical thinking, attention to detail, professional writing experience

Certifications: AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner, ITIL® 4 Foundations, Google IT Support Professional Certificate, CompTIA Project+

EXPERIENCE

UPWORK & VARIOUS COMPANIES

Apr 2018 – Present

Freelance Web Developer

- Built, maintained, and troubleshoot WordPress and Shopify websites for multiple clients
- Designed and built landing pages, customized CSS, improved SEO, and integrated designs into HTML/CSS

CIBOLO PIANO LESSONS, Swansea, UK, and Cibolo, TX

May 2015 – Present

Piano Teacher

- Taught many students from ages 5 to 70 how to play the piano, read music, and understand music theory
- Planned and coordinated piano recitals to build confidence and showcase skills

CONVERSE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Converse, TX

Mar 2021 – Dec 2024

Choir Director

- Directed a choir and led worship with piano, guitar, and vocals to provide a consistent weekly worship service

PROJECTS

INTERACTIVE WORLD MAP WEB APP – *Angular, JavaScript, API*

- Built an interactive map interface that displays geographical world data through an API integration

VACATION BOOKINGS WEB APP – *Java, Spring Boot, MySQL*

- Developed a Spring Boot backend for booking vacation packages, integrating a MySQL database and APIs.

GUITAR PARTS INVENTORY WEB APP – *Java, Spring Framework, HTML, CSS*

- Customized a Spring Framework application with an HTML front-end and Java back-end, built unit tests

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

CALVARY CHAPEL SAN ANTONIO, Universal City, TX

Mar 2019 – May 2025

Head of Sound, Audio Engineer – Oversaw, recruited, and trained a 20-member volunteer team for live sound and slides.

Planned and led sound for services, retreats, and seasonal productions.

Worship Team – Keyboard player and vocalist; occasionally led teams.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT, San Antonio, TX

Aug 2019 – Oct 2024

Production & Sound Director – Planned and led setup, testing, and operation of a full audio system for a large city-center outdoor outreach with multiple bands.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH AT RISK, San Antonio, TX

Mar 2017 – Present

Worship Leader, IT Support – Led worship for weekly chapel at girls' treatment center; built and maintained website.