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EDUCATION

Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, UT

Anticipated: September 2026

Bachelor of Science, Software Engineering

Relevant Coursework: Python, Advanced Java, Data Structure and Algorithms, Front-End and Back-End Development, Java Frameworks, Cloud Foundations, Project Management, Business of IT Applications, Hardware and Operating Systems

SKILLS

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

Soft Skills: Problem-solving, analytical thinking, attention to detail, reliable, quick learner, 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 and maintained WordPress and Shopify websites for multiple clients
- Designed and built landing pages, customized CSS, improved SEO, and integrated designs into HTML/CSS
- Troubleshoot and updated CMS websites, ensuring responsiveness and functionality across platforms

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

- Led worship with piano, guitar, and vocals to provide a worship experience for a diverse congregation
- Directed a choir of 10 people through rehearsals to help engagement and enhance worship

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 full audio system and logistics for large city-center outdoor outreach with multiple bands and 400+ attendees.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH AT RISK, San Antonio, TX

Mar 2017 – Present

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