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EDUCATION

University of Virginia | College of Arts & Sciences | Charlottesville, VA

December 2025

B.A. Computer Science | Spanish Minor

- **Relevant Coursework:** Data Structures, Software Development, HCI, Cybersecurity, Discrete Math, Creative Interaction Design

UVA in Valencia | Valencia, Spain

Summers 2023 & 2024

- Immersed in Spanish language, culture, and history through study abroad program with a host family

UVA in Greece | Heraklion, Crete

Summer 2025

- Completed intensive field-based design program focused on user research, prototyping, and cultural immersion in Crete

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grayson Farm | *Farm Hand* | Charlottesville, VA

January 2026 – Present

- Managed daily care for 20 horses, including feeding, watering, stall cleaning, and turnout schedules
- Monitored horse health and equipment, reporting injuries or issues to supervisor

Mary Artz Tax & Business Services, Inc. | *UI/UX Design Contractor* | Stayton, OR (Remote)

August 2026

- Led end-to-end redesign and development of firm's website, translating business needs into modern, user-friendly experience from initial Figma concepts through launch in Wix Harmony
- Designed and implemented custom API-powered instant estimate tool for firm's cost segregation service, simplifying complex service into accessible client-facing experience
- Established site's visual direction and information hierarchy, including page layouts, responsive design decisions, and imagery

Altheros Capital | *UI/UX Design Intern* | Remote

May 2026 – July 2026

- Served as design lead on website redesign team, developing high-fidelity page concepts in Figma and directing layout, visual hierarchy, branding, and overall user experience
- Designed logo and brand concepts, translating selected elements into cohesive digital identity across website
- Conducted and analyzed internal A/B test of competing website concepts to inform final design decisions
- Coordinated team workflow, delegated design assignments, and presented weekly progress and design rationale to leadership

PROJECTS

UX Research & Mobile App Design Project at UVA in Greece | Heraklion, Crete

Summer 2025

- Conducted user research and need-finding with tourists to identify opportunities in food-based cultural engagement
- Designed and prototyped mobile tourism app ("Trofi") in Figma, working with a team of 3 to integrate gamified exploration through interactive maps and collectible badges
- Performed guerrilla usability tests and received expert feedback from researchers at Foundation for Research & Technology Hellas (FORTH) to refine UI/UX design decisions, applying human-centered design to create culturally grounded experience

Course Review Application | Charlottesville, VA

Spring 2024

- Developed full-stack course review application using Java, JavaFX, and Hibernate ORM as part of three-week Software Development Essentials course project, collaborating on both front-end and back-end development
- Designed interactive GUI and implemented user authentication, course search, and review submission features, letting students add, edit, and view course reviews, integrating SQLite database for persistent storage of course data and user-generated reviews

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

The Virginia Sil'hoettes | Charlottesville, VA

Spring 2022 – Spring 2025

Music Director (May 2024 – May 2025)

- Arranged 10 new a cappella songs per semester, led bi-weekly rehearsals, and facilitated all music-related activities for 15 members, performing at varying venues including charity events, sporting events, and semesterly concert
- Worked with executive team of 3 to market and advertise ticket sales for semesterly concert generating \$3,000 in revenue with 322 people in attendance
- Oversaw recording and release of 12 a cappella songs for studio album, "Shock It Long!" released in April of 2025, receiving 5 global contemporary a cappella recording award (CARA) nominations

Assistant Music Director (May 2022 – May 2024)

- Organized the recording, production, and distribution of studio album, "LYLAS: Love You Like A Sil," winning global contemporary a cappella recording award (CARA) for Best Upper Voices Collegiate Album and receiving 8 other nominations

Name Game Band | *Lead Singer and Founder* | Charlottesville, VA

September 2023 – Present

- Prepared for frequent gigs with weekly practices, maintaining a three-hour long set for performances
- Coordinated with local venues and university organizations to schedule bi-monthly performances

Virginia Club Eventing and Dressage Team | *Athlete* | Charlottesville, VA

August 2021 – Fall 2025

- Practiced weekly for competitions on horseback, expanding dressage skills and riding unfamiliar horses to improve adaptability
- Taught inexperienced members how to properly care for and tack up horses as well as teaching beginner riding skills

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Java (Advanced), Python (Advanced), C (Intermediate)