



I always had a passion for the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and I knew I wanted to do something to make a difference in the world. I just didn't know where to start. I was an immigrant in a new country, grew up in a tough environment, and wasn't sure how I would make it in Computer Science. Along with these roadblocks, I didn't learn to code until I was twenty years old and I didn't do well in college originally. Once I had my moment of clarity and realized that I wouldn't let anything stop me in pursuing my passion in Computer Science, I began to chase that dream which leads me to where I am today.

I enrolled in as many courses as I could find and made the STEM field my new home. I studied Computer Science and obtained world-class skills in OOP Design, Algorithms and Design, Discrete Structures, Software Engineering, Microarchitectures, Advanced Algorithms, Statistics, Database Systems, and Distributed Systems. But I didn't stop there.

In order to truly make a difference in the lives of others, I decided to begin to write about and teach what I had learned. I began to teach classes at a local college and created an [online coding boot camp](#), which now has over 500+ graduates. I became a [published author](#), I started my public speaking career, I created a [scaffolding framework](#), became a lead developer, won an award for "Best in Class" Bioinformatics Software, and successfully exited three start-ups.



*I made my dream growing up, into my actual reality!*



I believe that the STEM field goes far beyond my life and skills behind a screen. I want to help others succeed and overcome challenges they may be facing. With the right information and education, I believe that anyone can reach their full potential and make their own dreams a reality. I post each and every piece of content and information with full confidence and ownership. I hold myself accountable to my work and what I share with you, and my hopes for CodeWithIntent are to create a positive, creative, and fun environment for visitors like you.

In my free time, I enjoy traveling, giving back to the community, and keeping my mind and body moving through long runs...in fact, I'm currently training for a 50-mile race! I enjoy reading self-development books and finding new opportunities to continue learning and growing. Have questions or want to work together? Don't hesitate to [reach out](#), always happy to help.

Stay strong,

Rick Hernandez