Samantha Scalzini

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EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Morehead Honors College, Athens GA — May 2028
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science — GPA: 4.0
Bachelor of Arts in Cognitive Science
New Media Certificate, Zell Miller Scholarship, Trees for Tuition Scholarship
Relevant Coursework: User Experience Strategy, Software Development, Native App Development, Data Structures,
Skills: Java, C, C++, Figma, Git, SwiftUI, Usability Testing, Wireframing, Prototyping, Data Analysis, Spanish

INVOLVEMENT EXPERIENCE

Reconnect UGA, Athens, GA — Oct 2025-present
Founder & Vice President
- Collaborate with the leadership of Students Against Digital Addiction to transition the club into a UGA Reconnect chapter
- Work with the National Reconnect leaders to implement their policies to plan phone-free gatherings for students, ready to launch for next semester

NoSo November, Santa Barbara, California (remote) — Sep 2025-present
Campaign Partner at UGA
- Collaborated with NAMI UGA and Students Against Digital Addiction to bring the No Social Media November Movement (NoSo) to UGA, encouraging students to take social media detoxes throughout November
- Spread the word through flyers, tabling, and social media marketing

Design it For Us Coalition, Washington, D.C. (remote) — May 2025-present
Tech and Design Team
- Attend monthly coalition calls, analyzing technology policy, and discuss potential impacts if passed
- Collaborated with teammates to research and draft a [Declaration of Digital Rights](#) advocating for youth protection in digital platform design; reviewed by the Center for Humane Technology and Applied Social Media Lab at Harvard
- Researched human-centered design strategies to promote user well-being in alignment with the Declaration

UGA DevDogs, Athens, GA — Sep 2024-present
UX Team (Sep 2024 - Present)
- Design intuitive Figma webpages for full-stack projects, including an optimal schedule builder and a computer science resource forum

UI/UX Focus Lead (Jan-May 2025)
- Led a 5-member UI/UX design team in creating webpages in Figma, developing user-friendly scheduling interfaces for a student-built platform
- Collaborated with back-end, front-end, and algorithm leads, ensuring design elements aligned with technical requirements and supported optimal functionality

WORK EXPERIENCE

UGA Department of Recreational Sports, Athens, GA — August 2025 – Present
Climbing Wall Staff
- Design and maintain climbing wall routes tailored to varying skill levels, enhancing participant experience

Central Rock Gym, Atlanta, GA — Sep 2023 – Aug 2025
Top Rope Instructor
- Introduced hundreds of beginners to climbing by leading orientations and belay lessons, improving participant confidence and safety awareness
- Ensured public safety by testing belay competency and communicating gym policies, minimizing the risk of accidents during climbs

Team Central Rock, Atlanta, GA — Jun 2022 – Jul 2025
Summer Camp Coach
- Oversaw the weekly safety of 40 campers and, after promotion to head coach, delegated responsibilities and recruited athletes for the competitive team