

Kiara McRae

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Professional summary

Creative and analytical UX & Front-End Developer with expertise in HTML, CSS, Tailwind, JavaScript, and React. Strong foundation in accessibility, responsive design, and cloud-native development. Experienced in building and deploying scalable applications that merge design, automation, and user experience. Proven leader with a background in managing multimillion-dollar operations, driving process improvements, and collaborating cross-functionally. Currently developing Aurora — a full-stack cloud-native UX platform showcasing accessibility, automation, and compliance.

Selected Experience

Aurora (Cloud-Native UX Platform) | Front-End Developer

2024 - Present

- Built and deployed a cloud-native portfolio using React, Python microservices, Docker, and Kubernetes.
- Developed accessible, responsive UI with TailwindCSS and integrated analytics dashboards.
- Created enterprise-grade HTML email suite tested via Litmus and Email on Acid for compliance.
- Automated deployment pipelines using GitHub Actions and Terraform. Analyzed user feedback to enhance UI features, resulting in noticeable improvements in user engagement and satisfaction.
- Streamlined the deployment process by implementing CI/CD pipelines, significantly reducing release times and increasing deployment efficiency.
- Designed and implemented a modular component library, promoting code reusability and accelerating development across multiple projects.
- Passionate about creating intuitive user experiences that drive user retention and engagement.
- Enhanced front-end performance by optimizing code, leading to measurable improvements in load times and user satisfaction.

Starbucks Coffee Company | Store Manager / Project Lead

2018 - 2025

- Directed operations for a \$3M+ store; led 30+ partners in Southeast's top-performing region.
- Delivered remodels and tech rollouts under budget and ahead of schedule.
- Achieved 20% reduction in service times and improved retention by 15%.
- Twice recognized as Manager of the Quarter.

Fine Dining & Banquets | Assistant Manager / Project Coordinator

2016 - 2018

- Coordinated high-profile events (200+ guests) and vendor logistics.
- Enhanced workflow efficiency by 15% through schedule optimization.

Starbucks | Assistant Store Manager

Education

B.S. Human Systems Engineering (User Experience) | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ

2026

Barrett, The Honors College – GPA: 3.87

B.S. Computer Science | Georgia State University

2026

A.S. Business Administration | Georgia State University

2024

Courses

Six Sigma Green Belt | Kennesaw State University

2025

Google Project Management Certificate | Coursera/Google

2024

Food & Beverage Manager | ServSafe

2023

30 Certification | OSHA

2025

Skills

HTML5

CSS3

Tailwind

JavaScript

React

Python

Salesforce Marketing Cloud

HubSpot

Mailchimp APIs

Litmus

Email on Acid

BrowserStack

WCAG 2.1

ARIA

CAN-SPAM

ADA

Figma

Photoshop

AutoCAD

Fusion 360 CAD

VS Code

GitHub

AWS

Kubernetes

Docker

GitHub Actions

Terraform

Asana

Smartsheet

Azure

Jira

MS Project

Arduino

Google Cloud

Links

[LinkedIn](#)

[GitHub](#)

[Aurora Portfolio](#)

Additional information

Featured Projects | Aurora – Cloud-Native UX Platform

Containerized full-stack app with responsive UI, analytics, and CI/CD pipelines.

Featured Projects | UX Accessibility Demo

WCAG-compliant responsive prototype with semantic HTML structure.

Featured Projects | Email Template QA Suite

Responsive, compliant email templates tested via Litmus and Email on Acid.

Internships

Delta Air Lines | Software Engineer Intern | Atlanta, GA

May 2025 - Aug 2025

- Collaborated with the IT and UX teams to design and prototype user-friendly interfaces for internal mobile tools.
- Contributed to front-end development tasks using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript within a React-based environment.
- Participated in daily Agile stand-ups, sprint planning, and code reviews to ensure efficient project delivery.
- Tested and debugged application features across browsers and devices to enhance performance and accessibility.
- Supported data visualization initiatives that helped teams monitor real-time operational metrics.