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#### **EDUCATION**

# Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

May 2025

S.B. in Mechanical Engineering, Minor in Physics

4.7 GPA

Coursework: Mechanics & Materials, Dynamics & Control, Thermal-Fluids Engineering, Design & Manufacturing, Measurement & Instrumentation, Quantum Mechanics

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### General Motors, Wentzville, MO

June 2024 – Aug 2024

Manufacturing Mechanical Engineering Intern

- Designed and installed alignment and protective manufacturing equipment that is saving the plant over \$150,000 annually
- Lead a feasibility study with the goal of automating part of the Body Shop
- Created standardized procedures to train others to operate the plant's new 3D printer
- Audited the entire plant to ensure all conveyor belts and drives were properly guarded

## Fabri Inc., Cambridge, MA

Jan 2024 – June 2024

Design Engineer Consultant

- Designed and built a filtration system for an IPA wash tank for 3D printed parts
- Developed a thermal imaging system to prevent a chemical fire within the printer
- Installed a remote monitoring system to track the live progress of a print job

## Astronomical Instrumentation Team, Cambridge, MA

June 2023 - Present

Undergraduate Mechanical Engineer

- Led the design and development of an auto-leveling system for a 1600kg bank assembly
- Created engineering and weldment drawings for the structural frame
- Performed FEA to ensure the Instrument's frame could withstand a major earthquake
- Coded a Python script that automated the alignment process of the Instrument's optics with micron-level precision cutting dozens of hours of labor

# Mechatronics Research Laboratory, Cambridge, MA

Sept 2022 - Aug 2023

Undergraduate Researcher

- Developed a hardware testbed for an Internal Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor running at over 5000 RPM
- Tested and validated novel machine learning control algorithms using Simulink
- Employed rapid prototyping techniques to validate preliminary testbed designs

#### PROJECTS & INVOLVEMENT

MIT ITEC | Volunteered as an English and Citizenship Exam tutor for immigrants in Boston MIT Theta Tau | Professional Engineering Fraternity Member; served the Judicial Committee MIThbusters | Founding Member; tested pop culture myths using science and engineering MIT Physics | Classical Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism Problem Set grader ReWine 2020 | Started a family crafting business that recycled wine bottles to create lamps

#### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

**Software:** SolidWorks, NX, Python, Fusion 360, MATLAB, PolyWorks CMM, Arduino, FEA **Manufacturing:** CNC Mill and Lathe machining, GD&T, Engineering Drawings, CAM **Languages:** Bilingual in English and Spanish, Intermediate French, Basic Italian **Interests:** Guitar, Astrophysics, Technology, Photography, Philosophy