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ABOUT

Chemical Engineering student at the University of Dayton with a passion for advancing energy systems and solutions. Skilled in data analysis, computer programming, and software literacy. Proven ability to deliver accurate, high-quality results through effective team collaboration. Actively seeking opportunities to apply technical skills to solve real-world energy and engineering problems.

EDUCATION

University of Dayton, Dayton OH

May 2027

Bachelor of Engineering, Chemical Engineering

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Sinclair Community College, Dayton OH

December 2024

Associate of Science, Computer Science

GPA: 3.76/4.0

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Excel Engineering Computations
General & Organic Chemistry

Material & Energy Balances C++/Java Software Coding

Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics

Separation Process Engineering

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Dayton Research Institute, Dayton OH

August 2025 - present

Fuel Science Intern

- Researched the combined effects of fuel additives and water solubility on dielectric constant measurements used for fuel gauging. Led experiments testing blends of controlled concentrations of additives and water content.
- Analyzed surface tension, interfacial tension, and electrical conductivity data of military jet fuels.

University of Dayton Research Institute, Dayton OH

January 2025 – August 2025

Chemical Process Co-op

- Assisted with the development of a mobile petroleum desulfurization unit for the US Air Force.
- Gained hands-on experience with the design and construction of various refining process units relating to the desulfurization and recycle processes. Gained experience reading and developing Process Flow Diagrams, Piping & Instrumentation Diagrams, and Controls drawings.
- Optimized mechanical bill of materials and organized suppliers to save \$11,000.
- Developed the technical data package draft for the unit's design. The technical data package contains information about manufacturing processes, chemical processes, and safety requirements.
- Gained simulation & design experience with process control, ASPEN HYSYS, and Aspen Plus.

University of Dayton Research Institute, Dayton OH

October 2024 - May 2025

Fuel Science Intern

- Analyzed gas chromatography (GC-FID, GCxGC) samples for 80+ international jet fuels. Used simulated distillation software to generate over 100 distillation points for each jet fuel. Increased quality and reproducibility of distillation data by up to 30% for new fuels.
- Researched the effects of modern fuel additives on dielectric constant measurements used for fuel gauging. Led 20+ individual experiments with unique fuel & additive combinations to develop models to accurately predict the magnitude of additive effects.
- Collaborated with multiple research professionals to deliver accurate results efficiently.
- Contributed to multiple upcoming research publications (FAA World Fuel Survey) and publications.

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Personal Website, Dayton OH

Front-end Website Developer

January 2025 - present

• Designed and created a personal website to act as an expanded online resume and total catalog of my academic progress and achievements. Hosted at cinesbit.com.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Sinclair Community College, Dayton OH

December 2024

Associate of Science, Mathematics

GPA: 3.76/4.0

Sinclair Community College, Dayton OH

July 2024

Associate of Science, Chemistry

GPA: 3.76/4.0

HONORS AND AWARDS

OSGC/NASA 2025 Scholar

April 2025

Ohio Space Grant Consortium 2025 STEM Scholarship

• Recipient of the NASA & Ohio Space Grant Consortium STEM Scholarship 2025 for my research in the jet fuel industry.

Dean's List, University of Dayton

2024 - 2025

Dean's List, Fall 2024 & Spring 2025 Semesters

- Made the Dean's List at University of Dayton for all semesters studied: Fall 2024, Spring 2025.
- Recognized for having a perfect 4.0/4.0 GPA.

Dean's List, Sinclair Community College

2022 - 2024

Dean's List, Various Semesters

• Made the Dean's List at Sinclair Community College for: Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Stander Symposium Poster Presentation, Dayton OH

April 2025

Stander Symposium, College of Engineering, Independent Research

- Presented research regarding fuel gauging in response to dielectric properties of various additives and impurities in jet fuel.
- "Influence of Additives and Impurities on the Dielectric Properties of Jet Fuel" (2025). Stander Symposium Projects. 3799.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Omega Chi Epsilon, Chemical Engineering Honor Society

February 2025 – present

Community Outreach Officer

• Community Outreach Officer of Omega Chi Epsilon Chemical Engineering Honor Society (OXE). Admittance requires around top ~20% of Chemical Engineering class.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

September 2024 – present

Student Member

Joined as a Chemical Engineering student. I participate in meetings and events.

KEY SKILLS

- Aspen Plus, Aspen HYSYS, Process Modeling, Process Control, Process Engineering
- Software Literacy, C++, Java, HTML, CSS, VBA, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite
- Communication, Team Collaboration, Project Management, Public Speaking, Problem Solving