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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

Material & Energy Balances

Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics

General & Organic Chemistry

C++/Java Software Coding

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.
- Performed 50+ surface tension experiments with pure components of standard jet fuels to commission a novel new instrument. Researched effects of 5 various needle diameters, temperature and air flow variables.

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.

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Personal Website, Dayton OH

January 2025

Front-end Website Developer

- Designed and created a personal website to act as an expanded online resume and total catalog of my academic progress and achievements. Hosted at cjenesbit.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, Various Semesters

- Made the Dean's List at University of Dayton for all semesters studied: Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 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

World Jet Fuel Survey Part 1: 2023 – 2024

December 2025

University of Dayton Research Institute, Fuels & Energetic Materials

- Contributed to the design of simulated distillation and dielectric constant experiments for the World Jet Fuel Survey.
- Analyzed key literature to validate key empirical correlations to predict model results.
- University of Dayton Research Institute. (2025). *World Jet Fuel Survey Part 1: 2023-2024* (CRC Report No. AV-33-22). Coordinating Research Council, Inc. https://crcao.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/CRC-AV-33-22_Final-Report.pdf

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.

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