Alexander J. Barry

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Education

Cornell University, College of Engineering

Ithaca, NY

Expected Graduation: May 2027

Major: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

GPA: 4.10

Skills

- CAD (Fusion 360, SolidWorks, Creo, Onshape), Engineering Drawings, MATLAB, Python, Data Analysis, Prompt Engineering
- Mechanical Testing (Instron Testing, DMA, DSC, TGA, SFPO), SEM imaging, MicroCT, Imagel, Microsoft Office

Relevant Coursework: Statics, Thermodynamics, Dynamics, Mechanical Design, Fluid Dynamics, Mechanics of Materials, System Dynamics, Waves and Quantum Physics, Lasers and Photonics, Multivariable Calculus, Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Statistics

Work Experience

Center for Composite Materials, University of Delaware

Newark, DE

Intern; Supervisor: Sai Aditya Pradeep

May 2025 – August 2025

- Characterized effect of modifying cooling rates on interfacial shear strength of fiber reinforced thermoplastic polyolefins
- Developed and standardized a method to rapidly fabricate and test Single Fiber Pull-out Test specimens
- Awarded 1st place in the Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium

Center for Composite Materials, University of Delaware

Newark, DE

Intern; Supervisor: Dr. John W. Gillespie Jr.

June 2022 – August 2024

- Reduced coefficient of thermal expansion mismatch & analyzed failure modes in Cu/polyimide bonds
- Characterized and resolved cause of void defects in TuFF carbon fiber panels, improving tensile properties by over 10%
- Validated new material model MAT213 through experimental testing, resulting in improved simulation credibility
- Designed testing methods for difficult to measure material properties, validating the material simulation model MAT213

Extracurricular Activities

Cornell University Autonomous Drone Project Team

Ithaca, NY

Mechanical Engineer

January 2025 – Present

- Developed and manufactured a 5" propeller quadcopter with CAD prototyping, 3D printing, CNC machined carbon fiber
- Produced 1m-long glider ducted-fan drone in CAD, designed for calculated aerodynamic properties required for lift

Applied Turbulence Research Laboratory

Ithaca, NY

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: Prof. Gregory Bewley

September 2024 — Present

- Implemented and developed code using PID controls for real-time autonomous quadcopter control
- Compiled and analyzed flight path data to tune the system and achieve stable equilibrium in a wind tunnel

References

Publication: CCM Research

January 2024

S. M. Doshi, A. Barry, et al., "Adhesion Characterization and Enhancement between Polyimide-Silica Composite and Nodulated Copper for Applications in Next-Generation Microelectronics," ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, vol. 16, no. 2, pp. 2692–2703, Jan. 2024, doi: 10.1021/acsami.3c14434. - https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acsami.3c14434

Made improvements to Cu/Polyimide adhesion properties by modifying processing parameters and silica content.