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## EDUCATION

### Vanderbilt University

Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering (GPA: 3.3/4.0) Nashville, Tennessee

Aug 2023 - May 2027

Nashville, TN

- **Coursework:** Digital Systems Design, Circuit Design, Electronics, Bipolar Junction Transistor Amplifier Design, Rapid Prototyping, Microelectronic Systems, VLSI Design, Microcontrollers, Electromagnetics, Analog circuits
- **Technical Skills:** Python, Java, System Verilog, C++, PCB Design, Microcontrollers, Autodesk Fusion 360, Mathematica, VLSI Design, FPGA, Linux Operating System, VHDL, Logic Design, Timing Analysis
- **Memberships:** Scalable Asymmetric Lifecycle Engagement (SCALE), Mexican American Student Association, Association of Latin American Students, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE), ECE Tech Crew, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Psi Lambda

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Institute for Space & Defense Electronics | Electrical Engineering Intern | SCALE

May 2024 - Aug 2024

- Developed Python programs that reduced ion beam data analysis time by 30%, enhancing lab efficiency and enabling expedited research and testing.
- Engineered microcontroller-based circuits to simulate Single Event Transient responses under radiation conditions, contributing to rigorous hardware analysis and experimental validation.
- Designed and fabricated printed circuit boards to replicate Single Event Transient responses, facilitating precise data collection and showcasing strong detail orientation.

## PERSONAL PROJECTS

### Seven-Segment Display Decoder

Sep 2024

- Designed and implemented a combinational logic decoder to drive a seven-segment display from binary inputs, emphasizing correctness across all input combinations.
- Derived complete truth tables and minimized Boolean expressions for each segment before implementing the design in Verilog RTL.
- Verified functional correctness through simulation and hardware testing, ensuring deterministic behavior suitable for synthesis and verification workflows.

### Electronics II Class Project: Wireless Personal Area Network (PAN) Receiver Amplifier

Apr 2025

- Successfully designed a multi-stage amplifier with a gain of  $65 \text{ dB} \pm 1.5 \text{ dB}$  and bandwidth from 100 kHz to 5.8 MHz
- Conducted simulations using LTSpice to verify design performance, achieving high accuracy in frequency response, impedance matching, and power consumption within a 12mA power budget from a 6V supply.
- Ensured input impedance matching to 75ohm output impedance below 75ohm efficient signal transfer to the demodulation circuit.

### Mixed-Signal Reliability Project: LM324 Radiation Effect Emulation

June 2024

- Designed a hardware platform to emulate radiation-induced transient effects in analog circuits using an LM324 operational amplifier.
- Injected controlled signal disturbances to model non-ideal behavior such as transient faults and recovery dynamics.
- Characterized circuit response under stress conditions, focusing on stability, degradation, and robustness beyond nominal operation.

### Rapid Prototyping Class Project: Syringe Pump Design and Implementation

Oct 2024

- Led electrical design for a syringe pump prototype, overcoming challenges in precise fluid dispensation by integrating advanced feedback mechanisms and optimizing power consumption for continuous operation in medical research.
- Programmed Arduino microcontroller for precise fluid dispensation, with adjustable flow rates and compatibility with multiple syringe sizes.
- Used Fusion360 for CAD design and Arduino IDE for programming, optimizing the device for use in medical and research settings.

### LED Matrix GIF Display (Embedded Digital Systems)

Apr 2025

- Designed an embedded system to render animated GIFs on an RGB LED matrix, emphasizing deterministic refresh timing and data-path correctness.
- Implemented pixel-mapping and frame-update logic under memory and bandwidth constraints, optimizing frame rate and visual stability.
- Debugged timing-related artifacts and synchronization issues, reinforcing a verification-oriented approach to hardware-driven display systems.

## LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULARS

### Vanderbilt University IEEE Student Branch | Vice-President

Aug 2024 - Present

- Coordinated communication between 100+ members and faculty, streamlining event announcements and information sharing.
- Organized 5+ professional development workshops and networking events, contributing to members' career growth.
- Assisted in the planning of annual conferences, improving event attendance by 25%.