

# Eric H. Balch

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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Los Angeles

*Graduation June 2028*

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

GPA 4.0/4.0

- *Coursework:* Fluid Mechanics, Statics & Strength of Materials, Thermodynamics, Physics Mechanics, Oscillations/Waves/E&M, Optics & Special Relativity, Chemical Structure & Energetics, Differential Equations, Integral/Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra

### Mountain View High School, Mountain View, CA

*Graduation June 2024*

Honors Diploma

GPA 4.7/4.0

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Bioengineering Intern, Stanford University

*June—Sept 2023*

#### Cardiovascular Biomechanics Computation Lab

- Conduct modeling (segmentation, model building, meshing) for computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations to understand coronary artery disease and physiology
- Model pipeline for cardiovascular anatomic models of patient-specific coronary bypass procedures (e.g., grafts) to analyze changing hemodynamics of different attachment locations
- Create all segmentations and run CFD simulations to evaluate standard graft with resistor and complex boundary conditions (e.g., coronary BCs) to consider the effects of multiple stenoses

### Lifeguard and Swim Instructor, City of Mountain View

*June 2021—Sept 2025*

- Head Guard leadership role supervising a staff of up to 5 lifeguards
- Teach swimming skills, both water safety and stroke mechanics, for all ages children to adults
- Certified to perform emergency medical care, including CPR and water rescues

## RELEVANT PROJECTS

### Responsible Engineer for Bruin Formula SAE Racing Drivetrain Team

*June 2025—present*

- Design (SolidWorks) front/rear sprockets and mount to transmit power to vehicle wheels
- Iteratively FEA-test (ANSYS Workbench) part geometry to optimize slotting & reduce weight

### Responsible Engineer for Bruin Formula SAE Racing New Member Project

*Sept 2024—June 2025*

- Designed (SolidWorks) assembly to stress test motor-to-sprocket power transmission chain
- FEA-tested (ANSYS Workbench) hook geometry strength; confirmed with manual calculations

### Team Lead & Lead Designer of complex projects for Engineering Lab course

*Sept 2022—June 2024*

- Designed and built winning wireless car parking lot sensors & display for CTE Capstone project
- Designed and built winning robots for two Vex Robotics timed competitive challenges
- Designed and built hydraulic arm to perform timed competitive precision challenges
- Coordinated team member contributions and presented product design results to class

## LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULARS

- Bruin Formula Racing Team leadership team, Formula SAE competition (2024—present)
- Silicon Valley Bike Exchange bike mechanic, repairing used bicycles for donation (2018—2024)
- Teaching Assistant for AP US History (2023—2024); assist with grading and classroom tasks
- Varsity water polo (2021—2024) and Varsity track & field hurdler (2022—2024)

## SKILLS

- **Software:** SolidWorks, ANSYS, MATLAB, Fusion 360, Paraview, MS Office, Java & Python coding
- **Machines:** Drill Press, Band Saw, 3D Printer, Lathe, Mill
- **Certifications:** Festo NC3 Mechatronics, OSHA 10