

JASON DAO

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EDUCATION

Arroyo High School	GPA 4.43
Graduate, Valedictorian	August 2020 - June 2024
University of California, Irvine	GPA 3.886
Mechanical Engineering Major, Campuswide Honors	September 2024 - present

PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

Anteater Electric Racing	October 2024 - present
<i>Aerodynamics Engineer, Monocoque Subteam Lead</i>	Irvine, CA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leading team of 5 for research and development of a composite carbon fiber monocoque- Used project management techniques such as critical path method to create a clear timeline and efficiently assign tasks, reducing estimated development time by 3 months- Hands-on work in composite manufacturing to create carbon fiber wings and parts for destructive testing- Experience in CNC machining, prototype manufacturing, and 3D printing- Use of SolidWorks CFD to optimize airfoil AoA and positioning, creating dual-element wing	
AIAA's Design, Build, Fly	August 2025 - present
<i>Aerodynamics Engineer</i>	El Monte, CA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conducted trade studies and sensitivity analyses using MATLAB- Working with Wind Catcher RC to design easily assembled plane kit product	
ENGR 7A/B	September 2024 - March 2025
<i>Project/Design Lead</i>	Irvine, CA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Led team of 6 engineers to design/manufacture a radio-controlled rover, achieving 2nd place out of 30+ teams in speed competition- Coordinated weekly team meetings and organized meeting plans to ensure subteam communication- Created SolidWorks model for full rover with Ackermann steering linkage + coroplast chassis	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Brandywine Commons	January 2025 - present
<i>Dining Hall Associate</i>	Irvine, CA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Collaborated with a team of 15-25 student staff to streamline meal prep and reduce service delays- Provided fast and friendly service in a high-volume environment serving up to 3,000 students per day- Demonstrated reliability and punctuality across 4 shifts per week while balancing academic schedule	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Engineering Skills - Design for manufacturing/assembly, iterative design, CFD

Technical Experience - SolidWorks, Microsoft 365 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), MATLAB, CNC Machining

Strengths - Communication, Problem Solving, Project Management