

# Ivar Cruz Rydstrom

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## EDUCATION

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### Santa Clara University (SCU)

**B.S. Engineering Physics (GPA: 3.90)**

**Expected: June 2024**

Minors: Mathematics, Computer Engineering

University Honors Program (Thesis: *Contributions to Prototype Dark Matter Experiments*)

### Aliso Niguel High School

**2016 - 2020**

GPA: 4.6. Valedictorian Class of 2020. California Scholarship Federation special honors recipient. Student of the Semester May 2018. Seal of Bi-Literacy in French. Astronomy Club Co-President.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Student Research Assistant

**June 2022 - Present**

SCU & SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

Continuing member of Dr. Betty Young's group at SCU in collaboration with Dr. Noah Kurinsky's group at SLAC, which focuses on developing novel low temperature detectors to search for dark matter. Implemented web-based GUI for control and temperature readout of a  $^3\text{He}$  Cryostat. Built custom pick-n-place device from reverse-engineered 3D printer for precision mounting of detectors into housings. Designed custom breakout and filtering PCBs for experiment readout. Developed various benchtop breakout electronics for component testing. Aided during installation and wiring of new Oxford dilution refrigerator.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Device Fabrication & Photolithography

Qualified at Stanford Nanofabrication Facility (SNF) to perform basic full-wafer fabrication processes. Spin coating (Headway), exposure (Heidelberg), dry etching (PlasmaTherm), wet bench skills (wet etching, developing), SEM and AFM Imaging.

### Engineering & Design

Basic benchtop electronics, Soldering, Machining (metal and wood, welding, plasma cutting, shop tools), CAD (Solidworks, Fusion 360), 3D Printing, FPGA Programming (Quartus), PCB Design (KiCad).

### Basic Cryogenics Experience

Operation, wiring, device mounting, detector readout in dry  $^3\text{He}$  cryostat. Basic use of dry dilution refrigerators.

### Proficiency in Programming Languages

Matlab, Git, Python (including Jupyter, Streamlit, Flask), Javascript (including p5.js, NODE.js), HTML, CSS, PHP, Java (including Processing), C, C++, ARM Assembly, BASIC, Verilog, Prolog, Smalltalk, Shell Script.

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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**COURSES:** Statistical Mechanics, Thermodynamics, E&M, Quantum Mechanics, Intro to Relativistic QED, Analytical Mechanics, Numerical Methods, Intro to Quantum Computing, Adv. Linear Algebra, PDEs, Putnam Competition Problem Solving Seminar. Scheduled: Solid State Physics, Optics, Adv. Applied Mathematics.

**ADVANCED LABS:** *Quantum Control* (Setup, calibrated, and performed measurements of relaxation and coherence times ( $T_1$  and  $T_2$ ) of the nuclear magnetic resonance of protons in water, emulating a qubit); *Quantum Optics* (Measured single down-converted photons from a laser through a nonlinear optic. Verified conservation laws through observation of coincident photons in opposing APD detectors). Scheduled: *Cosmic Ray Telescope*, *High Tc Superconductors & SQUIDS*, *Fourier Methods & Noise Fundamentals*.

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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### Posters

20th Conference on Low Temperature Detectors 2023 (LTD 20). *Two-Stage Cryogenic HEMT Amplifiers for Low Temperature Detectors*. Institute for Basic Science. Daejeon, South Korea. July, 2023.  
Sigma Xi Honors Society 2023 Research Poster Session. *Development of a Cryogenic Two-Stage HEMT Amplifier to Search for Dark Matter*. Santa Clara University. Santa Clara, CA. April, 2023.

### Talks

APS Far West Section Fall Meeting 2023. *Development of a Cryogenic Two-Stage HEMT Amplifier to Search for Dark Matter*. UC San Diego. San Diego, CA. October, 2023.  
2023 SCU Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium. *Development of a Cryogenic Two-Stage HEMT Amplifier to Search for Dark Matter*. Santa Clara University. Santa Clara, CA. September, 2023.  
2022 SCU Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium. *Hot Physics at Cold Temperatures*. Santa Clara University. Santa Clara, CA. October, 2022.

### SPS Journal Clubs and Similar Presentations

*Cryogenic Thermometry* (2023) • *Diamond Nitrogen-Vacancy Physical Qubits* (2023) • *Piezoelectric Fluids* (2023) • *Neutrino Physics* (2022).

## AWARDS

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Sigma Xi Research Fellow	May 2023
Geoff and Josie Fox Research Fellowship	Summer 2022, Summer 2023
SCU Dean's Scholarship	2020-2024
Aliso Niguel High School Valedictorian Class 2020	August 2020
Seal of Bi-Literacy in French Language	August 2020
California Scholarship Federation Special Honors Recipient	August 2020
Aliso Niguel High School Student of the Semester Award	May 2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Private Physics Tutor

March 2022 - Present

Freelance (Over 400 sessions experience)

I teach problem-solving methods students can use to maximize their success on tests, while simultaneously maximizing their understanding of the content. I provide a toolset of methods developed over many years to solve most introductory physics problems. Through this experience, I have discovered a love for teaching others and seeing them improve over time.

### Physics Tutor

September 2021 - April 2023

SCU Drahnann Center (Over 100 sessions experience)

Provided free tutoring for students taking introductory physics courses at SCU. I gained experience directly working with students in 1-on-1 environments. Learned how to target teaching to areas of misunderstanding and how to encourage students to succeed.

## ACTIVITIES

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Society of Physics Students SCU Chapter President	2023-2024
Society of Physics Students SCU Chapter Vice President	2022-2023
Recipes for Relief On-Campus Events Coordinator	2022-2023
Triathlon Club Member	2022-present
Team Mike's Bikes Racing Team Athlete (cycling)	2021-present

## VOLUNTEERING

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St. Patrick Middle School STEM Tutor	September 2023 - December 2023
SCU Welcome Weekend Volunteer	September 2023
Recipes for Relief On-Campus Event Coordinator and Cook	2022 - 2023