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EDUCATION

University of San Diego Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering

BS/BA Electrical Engineering

Minor in Math

San Diego, CA

Expected Graduation, Dec 2026

Major GPA: 4.0 Overall GPA: 3.98

SKILLS

Programming & Firmware: Python, C/C++, Verilog, MATLAB, RoboDK, KUKA Robot Language.

Hardware & Digital Design: FPGA (AMD Vivado, Basys 3), STM32 (Nucleo-L476RG), ESP32, UART/SPI/I2C, PCB Design (NI Ultiboard, Multisim), NVIDIA Jetson Orin Nano (Edge AI Inference).

Analog & RF Design: Circuit Design & Analysis, Signal Conditioning, Power Systems, PCB Design (NI Ultiboard, Multisim, KiCad), Transmission line design, impedance matching, Keysight ADS.

EDA & Tools: AutoCAD, SolidWorks, Lab Instrumentation (Oscilloscopes, function generators), soldering

Machine Learning & Edge AI: TensorFlow Lite, Edge Impulse, TinyML, IoT (Make.com, API/ Webhooks).

ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

Wake Word Detection on STM32 Nucleo-L476RG | TinyML Project

- Built a **real-time wake word detection system** achieving **>92% accuracy** under varied noise conditions.
- Trained and optimized a **TensorFlow Lite model with MFCC features**, reducing false activations by **35%**
- Deployed model on embedded hardware with **<80KB memory footprint** and **sub-150ms latency**, ensuring responsiveness within MCU constraints.
- Deployed the model on STM32 with **<80 KB memory** and **<150 ms latency**, demonstrating efficient **TinyML inference** on low-power MCUs.

Torero Space Program CubeSat Project | Communications & Data Subsystem Lead

- Led a 5-member team to design and validate the **1U CubeSat communications subsystem**, achieving >95% reliable two-way telemetry between the satellite and ground station.
- Integrated and programmed **LoRa (RYLR896)** modules with **ESP32/Raspberry Pi firmware**, optimizing **frequency, addressing, and power for long-range**, interference-free operation.

Performant Manufacturing | Automated Robotic Microfluidic Chip Assembly Cell | Ongoing Capstone Project

- Led an interdisciplinary team in developing a **KUKA robotic system** for automated **microfluidic chip assembly**.
- Designed and fabricated custom **EoAT driver PCB** interfacing KUKA digital I/O with **relay and MOSFET-based switching circuits** for end effector control.
- Programmed robot motion paths in **RoboDK** for precision gluing, pick-and-place, and UV curing operations.

Configurable Hardware Accelerator for Matrix Multiplication | FPGA Design Project

- Designed a **scalable NxN matrix multiplier** with pipelined MAC units, 6-state FSM, and triple-port memory for high-throughput computation.
- Implemented an **8x8 hardware accelerator** on Basys 3 (Artix-7 FPGA) with UART data loading, LED/7-segment display monitoring, and Python-driven real-time verification.
- Achieved **100 MHz operation performing 512 MACs per cycle**, enabling efficient parallelized matrix multiplication with dynamic data input.
- Optimized FPGA resource usage by leveraging **dual-port BRAM and registered MAC outputs**, extending design scalability up to block RAM limits while maintaining timing closure.

Fiber Optical Receiver Preamplifier Design | Analog Electronics Project

- Designed a **two-stage BJT preamplifier** (common-emitter + common-collector) for **photodiode-based fiber-optic detection**.
- Achieved **-12.5 k Ω transresistance gain (25% above target)** with **linear response** and **polarity control**.
- Delivered **<1% distortion** to a 50 Ω load across 30–60 Ω range, extending -3 dB bandwidth to 11.2 MHz and reducing output impedance from **~1 k Ω to ~100 Ω (600% power transfer improvement)**.

AFFILIATIONS: IEEE, ASME, SASE, Tau Beta Pi (Honor Society), USD Torero Space Program, FUSO