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#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Co-author of ASME Publication (2017)

Performance of Supercharged Engine Fueled with CTI Binary Mixture at Different Injection Pressures

#### Walter S. Haven Physics Prize (2017)

Awarded to students in physics who complete outstanding research projects. Granted specifically in honor of excellent work with the Physics Department's accelerator.

**Departmental Honors** (awarded May 2017)

Phi Beta Kappa Member (inducted May 2017)

Presidential Scholarship (2014-2017)

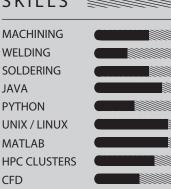
Beloit College's prestigious honor awarded for exceptional academic achievement.

#### SKILLS

LabVIEW

TCL **LAMMPS** 

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# Mary Elizabeth Breen-Lyles

ENGINEER - RESEARCHER - PROGRAMMER

#### SUMMARY

Fast-learning, critically-thinking, conscientious worker with substantial design and programming experience from a wide breadth of engineering and research applications. Maintains strong mathematical aptitude and a passion for problem-solving. Fantastic communicator and tenacious team member with an appetite for learning and enthusiasm for achieving project goals.

#### EDUCATION 🖹

#### M.S. Mechanical Engineering, Northern Illinois University (August 2019) - GPA: 3.9

- ► Certificate of Graduate Study: Thermal, Fluid, and Energy Systems
- ► Thesis Title: Direct Polymer Grafting as a Method of Preserving the Mechanical Properties of Cellulose Nanocrystals in the Presence of Moisture
- ► Took courses in CFD simulation, and thermodynamic systems

**B.S. Physics**, Beloit College (May 2017) - GPA: 3.9

#### WORK FXPFRIFNCE

#### 2018

#### **Graduate Research Assistant, Northern Illinois University** DeKalb, IL (January 2018 - present)

- ► Executed dynamic molecular computations across distributed systems
- Worked with Tcl Scripting and Python to analyze output data
- ► Used MAKE to compile LAMMPS from C++ source code
- ► Utilized Unix/ Linux as both my development and runtime environment
- ► Interacted extensively with a remote Linux HPC cluster

#### 2017

#### **Research Assistant,** Beloit College

Beloit, WI (August 2016 - May 2017)

- ► Repaired handmade proton accelerator via machining and configurational planning for new/existing instrumentation
- ▶ Designed and wired a new power supply switching system for the accelerator and machined a box to house it
- ► Worked extensively on the electromagnet including the cooling system, Faraday cup implementation, electrical load and bending angle calculations
- ► Tuned magnet based on initial predictions and later testing. Used MATLAB, thermal imaging, and thermocouple, voltmeter, ammeter data for analysis

#### 2016

## **Undergraduate Research Fellow,** Georgia Southern University

Statesboro, GA (June 2016 - August 2016)

- Developed LabVIEW programs for pressure transducers, accelerometers, and flow meters on a jet turbine and diesel engine to transfer, process, and analyze the engine data
- ► Machined and/or welded new pieces for a diesel engine to help with safety or to aid in data
- Designed, machined, and soldered new signal amplifier for a pressure transducer
- ► Gained substantial experience in sensor calibration, instrumentation, advanced data acquisition, programming, and machining

#### 2015

### **Sustainability Fellow, Beloit College**

Beloit, WI (September 2015 - May 2016)

- ► Wrote program to compute thermodynamic properties of new campus building
- ► Developed in-depth model using thermal FEA to predict HVAC needs
- Presented at 2016 Student Symposium and to Beloit College Board of Trustees