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# **EDUCATION**

Purdue University — West Lafayette, Indiana

August 2019 - Present

Master of Science in Electrical & Computer Engineering (Class of 2021)

GPA: 3.37

GPA: 3.17

**GEM Fellow** 

Member of Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) — B Chapter

University of Rhode Island — Kingston, Rhode Island

August 2014 - May 2019

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Minors: Mathematics, Computer Science

LSAMP Scholar

Member of Theta Tau  $(\Theta T)$  —  $\Sigma \Gamma$  Chapter

University of Ghana, Legon — Accra, Ghana May 2016 - August 2016

University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Gilman Scholar

GPA: 3.73

# TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

Research Experience/Interest: Internet of Things; Reinforcement Learning

Engineering Software/Devices/Tools: EAGLE; Git; JIRA; Trello; Multisim; Arduino; Intel Edison; Raspberry Pi; BLE

Nano; FPGA; ESP32; Multimeter; Oscilloscope; Power Supply; Signal Generator; Soldering

Data Science/Machine Learning Tools: Pandas; Numpy; Tensorflow Keras; PyTorch; Matplotlib

Programming Languages: Python; MATLAB; SPICE; C++; C; VHDL; Bash

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### The MITRE Corporation — Remote | McLean, VA

Cyber-Physical & Mobile Technology, Electrical & Computer Engineering Intern

June 2019 - Present

July 2019 - Present

• Utilizing Machine Learning and Data Science techniques to decode over 525 CSV files (30 million data points per CSV file).

High-Performance Computing, Electrical & Computer Engineering Intern

June 2019 - August 2019

- Created and managed a testbed to explore deployment of a new scheduler and resource mangers, Slurm, for all HPC systems at MITRE.
- Developed initial documentation for installation processes to be leverage by HPC systems admins for future use.

# Zebra Technologies — Lincoln, RI

Custom Applications Group, Software Engineering Intern

June 2018 - September 2018

- Designed, coded, debugged, and tested software, software improvements, and software modifications to improve Zebra Technologies' internal ecosystem.
- Tested designs and code under specified and/or reasonable conditions for various sponsors.

# University of Rhode Island College of Engineering — Kingston, RI

March 2017 - May 2019

Wearable Biosensing Lab, Lab Research Assistant (sponsored by LSAMP)

- Researched with undergraduate and graduate assistants for Professor Mankodiya (Wearable Body Sensor and Internet of Things Expert).
- Worked with Internet of Things (IoT) devices and various programming languages.

# General Dynamics Electric Boat - Groton, CT

May 2017 - August 2017

**Information Technology**, Student Technical Assistant (Security Clearance: Secret)

- Provided and supported computer resources for Electric Boat by utilizing an in-house database.
- Practiced IT Security and Compliance to ensure the security of Electric Boat.
- Oversaw Resource Management and Coordination to improve company resource usage.

University of Rhode Island — Kingston, RI College of the Environment and Life Sciences, IT Assistant September 2014 - March 2017 August 2016 - March 2017

- Setup and troubleshoot technology for the College of the Environment and Life Sciences staff and faculty.
- Answer various technology-related queries.

# Information Technology Service, Help Desk Senior Consultant

October 2015 - March 2017

- Install, modify, and repair computer hardware and software for URI students.
- Respond to queries and concerns in-person or over the phone.

# Mainfare Dining Hall, Dishwasher

September 2014 - May 2015

- Cleaned dishes and large pots, and dining hall at end of shift.
- Carried heavy-loads of items and stacked plates and cups accordingly.

# Ama's Variety - Pawtucket, RI

June 2011 - August 2011

Store Clerk

- Assembled and organized displays on a daily basis.
- Issued receipts, refunds, credits or change due to customers.
- Greeted customers as they entered the store, assisted politely and efficiently to find various items in the store.

# **PROJECTS**

#### Computer Network Systems: Software-Defined Network

January 2020 - February 2020

Designed a Software-Defined Network (SDN) using Python and threads. The SDN featured various clients and a server that ran route computations and kept track of network topology as clients and/or links failed.

# Computer Organization: Web Controlled Dog Feeder

March 2018 - May 2018

Collaborated with a fellow Computer Engineer student to create Web Controlled Dog Feeder using a FPGA, Arduino, Force Sensitive Resistor, Continuous Rotation Servo, 3D printing, and lighttpd webserver.

# Capstone Design: Smart PDU (sponsored by Acumentrics)

October 2017 - May 2018

Designed a Smart Power Distribution Unit with a team of engineers involving Raspberry Pi, Power Electronics, and LAMP Web Server.

# NSF: Internet of Wearable E-Textiles for Telemedicine

September 2017 - May 2019

Collaborated with a team of engineers and textile designers to develop a family of Smart Wearables utilizing IoT and embedded systems to track data from Parkinson patients, while transmitting data for monitoring.

# Wearable Internet of Things: UV Glasses

September 2017 - December 2017

Led a small team of engineers to construct a product with the functionality to receive UV light and transmit data to a user's smartphone using UV sensors, Arduino Uno, Bluetooth Low Energy, and Android Studio.

#### Internet of Things Research: Communication Organization

March 2017 - May 2017

Developed a method for tracking and distributing information using an Intel Edison and Arduino 101. The final product was able to send pseudo values through the Edison to a Computer using Node.js.

# Electronic Design Automation: TRON Project

March 2017 - May 2017

Utilized Quartus to design a TRON Project on a DE1-SoC-MTL board, with four types of AIs that have different "personalities" using VHDL along with a full flow graph and full state diagram of the system.

# LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

# Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), Honor Society of IEEE - B Chapter Member

March 2020 - Present

• Attending weekly meeting and events.

# URI International Engineering Program House

September 2017 - May 2018

Council Member

- Acted as Residential Advisor between two buildings on campus.
- Resolved minor to major conflicts between residents from various nations.

# URI Computer Engineering Student Advisory Board

Spring 2016, 2017, 2018

Member

• Gave outlook and suggestions regarding URI's Computer Engineering Program with other selected Advisory Board members.

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Purdue Chapter, Member

September 2014 - Present May 2020 - Present • Attending bi-weekly meeting and events

URI Chapter, Senator May 2017 - May 2018

Made informed decisions on behalf of the URI NSBE Chapter during national meetings and conferences.

URI Chapter, Vice-President

May 2016 - May 2017

Managed 11 Executive-Board members and act as President when needed.

**URI Chapter**, Secretary

May 2015 - May 2016

• Kept records and reports of 22 general and 24 executive board meeting

Theta Tau ( $\Theta$ T), A Professional Engineering Fraternity –  $\Sigma\Gamma$  Chapter Web Committee Chair

February 2016 - May 2019 August 2016 - April 2018

- Help design Sigma Gamma Chapter's Website visited by over 5,000 people per year.
- Collaborate with three other web committee members to finish programming assignments.

# College Crusade of Rhode Island Alumni

September 2015 - March 2017 June 2014 - Present

- Assist developmental program that provides mentorship for students going to college.
- Provide mentorship to younger members of the organization to improve leadership skills.

# VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & STEM OUTREACH

MATHCOUNTS, Exam Proctor	February 2020
Dranesville Elementary School Out the Box Day, Volunteer	July 2019
RI Robot Block Party, Exhibitor	$April\ 2019$
All Saints Academy Outreach Paper Circuit Event, Presenter	March 2019
ELECOMP Capstone Design Program, Undergraduate Engineering Consultant	January 2019 - May 2019
Academic & Textile Industry Networking Fair, Exhibitor	February 2019
IEEE Internet of Things Journal, Peer Reviewer	December 2018 - Present
Intro to Electrical Engineering (ELE 101), Undergraduate Teacher Assistant	January 2018 - May 2018
Computer Science 4 Rhode Island (CS4RI), Presenter	December 2017
RIse with STEAM at Quonset Air National Guard Base, Exhibitor	May 2017
Habitat for Humanity Flagler Beach, Volunteer	March 2017
SMILE (Science & Math Investigative Learning Experiences), Volunteer	$April\ 2016$
URI College of Engineering, Volunteer	August 2015 - April 2018

# HONORS & AWARDS

2019 Summer MITRE Hackaton, 3rd place	July 2019
MITRE's CORTEX CTF 2019, 1st place	$July \ 2019$
GEM Fellowship	$May\ 2019$
Dean's List	Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
Saint Elmo Brady Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science	$April\ 2019$
NSBE Fulfilling the Legacy Scholar	March 2019
URI AR/VR Immerse-A-Thon 2019, 1st Place	March~2019
LSAMP Scholarship	March 2017
NSBE Certificate of Appreciation (New England Zone)	$October\ 2016$
NSBE Outstanding Member of the Year (URI Chapter)	$April\ 2016$
Gilman Scholarship	January 2016
College Crusade Scholarship	June 2014

# **CERTIFICATION**

Passed Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (FE)

January 9th, 2020