NATHANIEL J. KAISER

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OBJECTIVE To expand and refine my technical expertise designing complex, consumer-facing systems in a fastpaced and challenging environment while continually advancing my career within an innovative organization with ample growth opportunities.

EXPERIENCE Design Engineer, Caterpillar Inc. - Advanced Electric Drive Systems Team (6/2011 - 9/2016)

- > Revolutionized Caterpillar's product line by developing electromechanical drivetrain systems and components and integrating into a diverse portfolio of mining and construction equipment
- > Ideated and championed new and innovative designs from initial concept to production launch
- > Managed design activities within a cross-functional team and collaborated with several external supporting groups to maintain rigorous and dynamic schedules
- > Made critical decisions given limited information to meet demanding program timelines and budgets
- > Responsible for continually driving manufacturing process improvements and cost reductions via virtual product development and supplier collaboration
- > Refreshed existing customer requirements and revamped corresponding engineering specs
- > Pioneered new methodology for life improvement: employed analytical methods to pinpoint root causes of field failures and gain a deeper understanding of product issues affecting system life
- > International experience supporting and vetting dealer facilities onsite (South America)
- > Completed Caterpillar's Leadership & Technical Development Program: rotational program with various job roles including manufacturing, test and validation, and product lifecycle management

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Iowa State University

(8/2010 - 5/2011)

- > Contributed to the forging of a new and cutting-edge analysis methodology for mechanics of thin film materials at the micro- and nanometer scale
- > Conducted lab tests, collected raw data, processed and analyzed results, wrote MATLAB programs to import and analyze data automatically, documented, and discussed findings with research advisor

- **SKILLS** > Programming: C, C++, Python, ROS, MATLAB, Simulink, Visual Basic for Applications
 - > CAD: Creo Parametric, Pro/Engineer, SolidWorks, Autodesk Inventor, AutoCAD
 - > PLM: Teamcenter, Pro/Intralink, Autodesk Vault
 - > Analysis: Pro/Mechanica, familiar with multiple other FEA, some CFD packages
 - > Other relevant software and skills: Git/Github, Linux, Microsoft Office, Minitab, Weibull analysis, FMEA, Six Sigma, maker mentality
 - > Certifications: Six Sigma Green Belt certified through Caterpillar (June 2013)
 - > Cultural: familiar with Spanish language, some Latin American culture

EDUCATION M.S. Robotics, Northwestern University

(9/2016 - Present)

> Expected graduation: August 2017

B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University

(8/2007 - 5/2011)

- > GPA: 3.79/4.00, graduated with distinction: magna cum laude
- > Team PrISUm Mechanical Director: managed Mechanical Team within student-run organization which designs, builds, and races solar-powered electric vehicles against competing universities
- > Independent Study: contributed to design of low-cost, 3-wheeled, ultra-efficient commuter vehicle
- > Other projects and commitments: Human Powered Vehicle Challenge, Autodesk Student Expert
- > Scholastic recognitions: Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, Dean's List, University Honors Program

- INTERESTS > Show my passion for engineering outside of required work: conceptualized, designed, built, and tested a homemade CNC router table from scratch over the course of two years
 - > Technology forms foundation of my hobbies and interests: robotics, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, quadcopter project, multitude of other design projects, learned to program C/C++/Python via MOOCs