# Ryan Taylor

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#### **EDUCATION**

Vanderbilt University, Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Computer Science Nashville, TN GPA: 3.44/4.00 May 2024

**Technical Languages**: Java, Python, C++, C, Autodesk Inventor, LTSpice, Assembly, Quartus, Radio Technician License **Relevant Coursework**: Embedded Systems (C), Microcontrollers (C, Assembly), Electronics, Autonomous Vehicles (Julia), Intermediate Software Design (C++), Digital Signals Processing, Program and Problem Solving (Python), Circuits, Digital Systems **Awards**: Dean's List, Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholar, Ron Brown Captain

# **INTERNSHIPS**

Rolls-Royce Electronics Development Intern

Indianapolis, Indiana May-August 2022

- Administrated driver integration of an AVL dynamometer into the test stand control system in the Electric Power Lab to streamline testing operations and data acquisition.
- Modernized data aggregation systems by installing a private git server and establishing an autonomous routine to log changes in configuration files for test stands for auditing requisitions.
- Characterized electronic equipment to verify that they operated within specified threshold values and performed diagnostic testing to identify flaws in the structural design of devices in the event of failure.

# **LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES**

Vanderbilt Robotics Club: Drive Control Co-Lead and Electrical Team Member

Nashville, TN Jan 2021 - Present

- Designing an autonomous drive control system to optimally traverse and navigate a track while avoiding obstacles.
- Developed navigational algorithm by constructing local and global mapping using an Intel RealSense camera and ROS2 architecture.

Vanderbilt Satellite Club: Communications and Programming Sub-Team Member

Nashville, TN July 2021 – Present

- Launched weather balloon to test preliminary designs and operating conditions for the PCB circuit, sensory devices, and communication systems.
- Designed communications interface to connect weather balloon with ground operations and implementing relevant software on Raspberry Pi to successfully broadcast sensory data with radio frequencies to ground with APRS.

# PERSONAL PROJECTS

Electric Longboard June 2021 - Present

- Designed and built a Dual-Motor Hub Electric Longboard.
- Built schematic designs and assembled the longboard from constituent components to successfully operate and drive from a bluetooth controller.
- Continue to revise structural components to optimize battery life and motor performance.

Laser Tracking Robot

August 2022 – December 2022

- Programmed a FreeNove robot to autonomously follow a laser and record its trajectory and retraverse the path it travels from its starting position
- Designed software architecture using threads, task synchronization and communication, and motor control functions

Maze Solving Robot

January 2021 - May 2022

- Encoded a Pololu 3Pi Robot to navigate and traverse a maze autonomously. Then calculate the optimal path and traverse the maze a second time without making any redundant traversals.
- Designed a control loop that allows the robot to follow a black line using infrared sensors and course correct itself if it veers off the path and records its position as it traverses the maze.