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# **EDUCATION:**

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

**Bachelor of Science: Bioengineering** 

**Bachelor of Science: Mathematics-Applied Science** 

Major GPA:3.72/4.0 GPA

#### YALE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Global Pre-MBA Leadership Program: Selective Leadership Program (~5% acceptance rate)

Placed  $3^{\rm rd}$  in Audubon Business Concept Pitch Plan, and  $2^{\rm nd}$  in Audience Choice Award

Mammalian Physiology

- Bioinstrumentation
- Linear Circuits
- Computational Methods in Engineering
- Engineering Graphics & Design
- Continuum Mechanics
- Biomechanics
- Applied Linear Algebra
- Independent Research in Tissue Engineering
- Biomaterials Engineering

- Matlab & SolidWorks Design
- Fluid Mechanics
- Biomedical Imaging
- Mathematical Statistics & Probability
- Experimental Techniques in Circuitry and Heat Transfer
- Mass Transfer
- Thermodynamics

2014

- Statics & Dynamics
- Advanced Data Structures
- Biosystems and Control

#### **COURSEWORK:**

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

#### **NEURAL INTERACTION LABORATORY: BIOMETRICS ANALYTICS**

Sept 2013 – Present

La Jolla, CA

Senior Engineer/Researcher under Dr. Coleman and Dr. Litvan

- Researching and developing novel ways to evaluate Parkinson's Disease using gait and 3D spatiotemporal data in collaboration with UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering and School of Medicine.
- Co-founded a project to develop a Parkinson's disease tracking software product using C++, C#, Matlab to create data acquisition and analysis algorithms using Microsoft Kinect
- Wrote a successful Health and Life Sciences grant for \$10,000 and an IRB for carrying out pilot clinical study, as well as received the Gordon Fellowship Award for outstanding engineering leadership

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- Leading a startup team of five to analyze potential business models and create presentations that outline customer interviews, potential IP strategy and value proposition through the NSF I-Corps Program
- Co-founder of startup concept with a potential market of ~\$20B; was later accepted into the Von Liebig National Science Foundation I-Corps as well as the NCIIA E-Team Program (~15% acceptance rate)
- Mentoring a senior Bioengineering team within the Bioengineering design course to address engineering challenges in monitoring and analyzing Parkinson's (plan on developing plan to incorporate neck EMG)

## **ENGINEERING WORLD HEALTH**

Sept 2012 – Present

Project Team Leader for PCR under Dr. David M Smith

La Jolla, CA

- Collaborate with UCSD School of Medicine and a clinic in Mozambique to develop a rapid, cost-effective diagnostic device for detecting drug resistance in HIV patient, which culminated in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the EWH National Design Competition
- Led a team of 5 for the product development of a PCR, from an Arduino microcontroller with PWM current delivery using a PID algorithm for temperature control (programmed in C)
- Advising a team of 10 in product development, while managing a budget of over \$10,000. Responsible for setting the product strategy that resulted in a successful prototype that has a 95% cost-savings

# **QUALCOMM INSTITUTE**

June 2012 – Sept 2012

Summer Research Scholar under Calit2

La Jolla, CA

- Was accepted to be a part of a 30 person cohort in order to conduct ~40+ hrs/week of independent research for the purpose of improving quality of life using emerging technologies and analytics
- Conducted experiments using a LabView programmed mechanical actuator to compress agarose hydrogels with embedded radiopaque particles, while imaging with 3D microCT; this tested initial feasibility
- Developed an Excel analysis method with 90% accuracy to measure tissue biomechanics and statistical variance using quantitative statistical analysis, which resulted in streamlined data analysis

## CARTILAGE TISSUE ENGINEERING LABORATORY

Sept 2011 - June 2013

Undergraduate Researcher under Dr. Robert L Sah

La Jolla, CA

- Conducted pilot studies in tissue engineering with micro computed tomography to test hypotheses in orthopedic healthcare, using literature research and image data analysis to drive conclusions
- Created standard operating procedures for inventory processing, laboratory operations, sample preparation, data mining methods and data analysis of CT images that reduced training time
- Analyzed images using Excel, Matlab, DataViewer and CT Analyzer and then documented experimental results through scientific reports, and translate literature findings to research proposals
- Contributed to a large human cartilage research project by scanning  $\sim$ 20 samples over the course of an entire weekend for  $\sim$ 72 hrs

#### **INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:**

**GENENTECH INC.** July 2013 – June 2014

Process Development Engineering Intern and College Ambassador under Domenic Schmizzi

San Francisco, CA

- Collaborated with Genentech College Programs to improve online engagement by  $\sim$ 60%, while coordinating events with directors and human resources that drew in over 200 attendees
- Implemented a new batch control process using Rockwell Automation and PLCs to replace data server management, which results in reducing the purification plant's down-time and poor system performance
- Developed program design iterations to incorporate SMART goals, object-oriented programming, modular control architecture, and HMI system for running purification processes (used SFC, SQL, Structured Text)

#### RAINBOW TRANSGENIC FLIES INC.

July 2011 – Sept 2011

Lab Assistant Intern under Ms. Hong Yu

Camarillo, CA

- Used a modified QIA filter plasmid Midi Kit, performed ethanol DNA precipitation using spectrophotometry for quality assurance; performed cell culture of E.Coli
- Elute pure DNA using affinity chromatography for DNA microinjections into larvae; set up genetic crosses, screens of transgenic flies, and performed DNA microinjections into larvae using Standard Electron Microscope

# **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**RGB Capital LLC.** 

Feb 2013 - May 2014

Investment Management Intern under Rob Bernstein

La Jolla, CA

- Assisted the CEO in building excel models for a \$50M fund, focused on managing and minimizing day-today volatility for clients
- Created and optimized ETF and Mutual fund screeners using Visual Basic to program macros that automate screening process

#### UCSD STUDENT FOUNDATION INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Sept 2013 – Present

Associate and CFA Support Researcher

La Jolla, CA

- Generating buy-side equity research reports for \$450,000 student endowment fund, producing yearly return rates of  $\sim\!6\%$
- Effectively analyzed companies with a bottom-up approach, using discounted cash flow, company comparable, and precedent transaction analysis

ALPHA KAPPA PSI April 2012 – June 2014

Class President and Director of Consulting under Professor Delbert Foit Jr.

La Jolla, CA

- Led the strategic vision and daily operations for a team of 15 over 6 weeks to raise \$5,000; also completed a market research project on Facebook Inc. and 100K business plan proposal for a social media startup
- Spearheaded a team of four to compete in the PBLI Case Competition of 2013, where the company strategy, financials of mobile advertising, and operational risks of Facebook Inc. were analyzed

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHARMACEUTICAL ENGINEERING

Sept 2011 - June 2014

Vice President External under Professor Melissa Micou

San Diego, CA

- Set the strategy and operational goals with a team of 25, while maintaining an ~\$5,000 budget; won Chapter of the Year against all national chapters for two consecutive years
- Led a series of 12 workshops for leadership development and implemented a mentorship program for students to connect with over 30 industry professionals, which was emulated by the national chapter of ISPE's program
- Managed the Leadership Rotational team of 10 students and the operations of various company info sessions and tours that drew in over 200 students for biotech companies including: Genentech, Life Technologies, Baxter, and Illumina

# **HONORS/AWARDS:**

| NCIIA E-Team Program – National selective program (~15% acceptance rate) for funding | 06/2014 |
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| UCSD Sixth College Leadership Award – Finalist For Outstanding Leadership            | 05/2014 |
| ASAIO – Student Design Competition Top 27 In Nation                                  | 05/2014 |
| Tau Beta Pi – Engineering honor society  | 2014    |
| Gordon Fellow - Engineering leadership excellence award                              | 2014    |
| Von Liebig NSF I-Corps Fellow – Competitive startup program for NSF seed funding     | 2013    |
| Gordon Leadership Scholar - Competitive leadership program                           | 2013    |
| California Institute of Technology - Competitive Summer Research Grant               | 2012    |

# PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES:

| NSF Center for Science of Information   | 08/2014 |
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| Yale SOM Audubon Business Concept Pitch   | 06/2014 |
| <ul> <li>Project: GreenHaven 501© Non-Profit Business Pitch</li> </ul>                                      |         |
| Bioengineering Day Poster Presentation  | 04/2014 |
| <ul> <li>Project: The Gait Analysis of Parkinson's Disease</li> </ul>                                       |         |
| Von Liebig NSF I-Corps Phase I Pitch  | 03/2013 |
| Project: BioMetrics Analytics   |         |
| ISPE Poster Presentation  | 06/2013 |
| <ul> <li>Project: Feasibility of 3D Deformation and Strain Analyses by Micro-Computed Tomography</li> </ul> |         |
| Qualcomm Institute Summer Research Scholar Poster Presentation  | 09/2012 |
| <ul> <li>Project: Feasibility of 3D Deformation and Strain Analyses by Micro-Computed Tomography</li> </ul> |         |

# **ADDITIONAL SKILLS:**

# **CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Research Aspects of HIPAA (06/30/2014)
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Biomedical Research (06/30/2014)

### LABORATORY:

- Knowledgeable about HPLC, Microfluidics, Ethanol Precipitation, Buffer/Reagent Preparation, AFM, Optical Microscopy, Hydrogel Polymerization
- PCR
   SEM
   Rainin Pipettes
   Clean Room
- Computed Tomography
   Laser Microscopy
   Mechanical Testing
   Tissue/Cell Culture

## **SOFTWARE/OTHER:**

- Knowledgeable about Object-Oriented Programming, Entrepreneurship, Project Management in Agile and Iterative, IP Strategy, Market Research, Financial Modeling, Equity Research
- Proficient with MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel and MS Visual Studio
- Skilled in C, C++, Python, Java, R, MATLAB
- Adept in Finite Element Analysis/Modeling, SolidWorks/CAD Design, LabView and Structured Text
- Knowledgeable about basic web design and data analysis using HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, Ruby, Rails and JavaScript
- Basic understanding of C#, XAML, multi-threading and file I/O
- Fluent in English and Chinese