Maria Prus

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Education Massachu

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Candidate for S.B. degree in Mechanical Engineering with Applied International Studies minor June 2010 **Relevant Courses**: Product Engineering Process, Elements of Mechanical Design, Management in Engineering, Measurement and Instrumentation, Thermal-Fluids Engineering II, Design and Manufacturing II, Dynamics and Control II, Mechanics and Materials II

Experience

MIT Braille Label Maker

Cambridge, MA

Mechanical Engineering Design Team

March 2009-Present

- Assist in redesign of cutting mechanism, production of second prototype of student designed labeler
- Awarded first place in both the prestigious MIT IDEAS and deFlorez design competitions

ALSTOM Transportation

Valenciennes, France

Research and Development Engineering Intern

June 2009-August 2009

- Conducted feasibility studies for welding and final assembly robots for many train vehicle production lines
- Proposed solutions based on cost, operations, scheduling, workstation layout, and ergonomics analysis

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Washington, DC

Controls Group Engineering Extern

January 2009

- Assisted Controls Group with development and implementation of new metro train washing system
- · Analyzed data and created report from testing to ensure all design parameters were met with new design

General Electric Company

Grove City, PA

Transportation Intern

May-August 2008

- Proposed redesign for oil/water pump alignment ring on new prototype engine
- Set up new system to assign owners to issues with new engine design prints, manufacturing errors

MIT Media Lab Personal Robots Group

Cambridge, MA

Huggable Project Mechanical Engineering Design UROP

June-August 2007

- Designed computer solid models for robotic movement mechanisms
- · Laid out, cut, and assembled metal and plastic parts for in-lab custom designs

Leadership/ Activities

MIT Glass Lab – Student/Instructor (October 2006 - Present)

Cambridge, MA

- Create blown glass art and sculpture as student in the MIT Glass Lab
- Instruct students during weekly section of Beginner's class

MIT Women's Varsity Ice Hockey – Goaltender (October 2006 - October 2008)

Cambridge, MA

• Competed at DIII level in the ECAC East Conference.

Burton Conner Government - Floor Representative (November 2007 - November 2008) Cambridge, MA

Approved and reviewed dorm budget, coordinated floor events, assisted in re-writing dorm constitution

MIT Associate Advisor Program – Freshmen Advisor (August 2007 - May 2008)

Cambridge, MA

Helped freshmen select classes, assisted with academic or personal difficulties as they adjusted to MIT life

MIT Arts Scholar – Participant (September 2008 - Present)

Cambridge, MA

• Attend local art events, collaborate on pieces with other Arts Scholars

Student Mural Competition – Competition Winner (May 2008 - May 2009)

Cambridge, MA

Photograph enlarged to 7 by 10 feet, displayed for a year in Frank Gehry's MIT Stata Center

Skills *Machinery*: Waterjet, Laser Cutter, Lathe, Mill, Bandsaw, Drill Press

Computer: Solidworks, Cosmosworks, Matlab, Mathcad, Mastercam, OMAX, Microsoft Office, Excel

Language: Intermediate level French