# **Marie Burkland**

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#### Education

#### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Cambridge, MA

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering; GPA: 4.6/5.0

June 2013

Relevant coursework: Multivariable Calculus, Differential Equations, Chemistry, Biology, Thermodynamics and Kinetics, Organic Chemistry, Introduction to Chemical Engineering, Engineering Innovation and Design. Current coursework: Chemical and Biological Engineering Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, Biochemistry.

**Almont High School** 

Almont, MI

Valedictorian in class 146 students; GPA: 4.0

June 2009

#### Work Experience

## Hammond Research Group, Department of Chemical Engineering, MIT

Sept. 2010-present

Laboratory Technician

- Explored composite layer-by-layer membranes for fuel cell applications.
- Fabricated membranes by adding thin polyelectrolyte layers via spraying and immersion methods to nylon mats.
- Performed tests on conductivity and methanol permeability of membranes.
- Tested the energy output of membranes in fuel cells to see whether efficiency increased.

#### United States Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC)

Summer Intern for Petroleum and Water Systems

Warren, MI June-Aug. 2010

- Worked 40 hours per week on four-person team to develop and implement a direct integrity test to determine quality of ultrafiltration membranes on the Lightweight Water Purifier (LWP), used in the field during military operations.
- Researched possible testing methods and developed project phases.
- Built a model filtration system, chose most efficient integrity test, implemented test onto LWP.
- Wrote 18-page technical report on testing procedures and results.
- Presented work to leaders within TARDEC.

Tutoring

Almont, MI

Middle School Math Tutor

Nov. 2007-May 2009

- Assisted 3 students with homework assignments and test preparation for 2 to 4 hours per week.
- Scores of 2 of 3 students improved by 2 full letter grades.

### Leadership Experience

# **Undergraduate Practice Opportunities Program (UPOP), MIT** *Participant*

Sept. 2010-present

- Developed professional skills in the areas of leadership, teamwork, presentations, decision-making, networking, project management, and negotiation by attending various workshops and participating in group exercises.
- Managed a seven-person team to design and model an energy-efficient home to meet a budget and regulations.

#### **Next House Executive Board, MIT**

Sept. 2010-Dec. 2010

Dormitory Wing Representative

- Determined spending of the wing budget based on input from residents.
- Organized 4 social events for the 50-member wing throughout the semester.
- Ordered appliances to improve the wing's common areas.

# **High School National Honor Society**

May 2007- May 2009

Secretary

- Recorded meeting minutes and attendance, kept records of community service activities for 45 members.
- Headed major service activities, including school's plastic and paper recycling program. Included 25 classrooms, assembled teams to collect and transport recyclables weekly.
- Organized and ran two Red Cross blood drives, collected over 100 blood donations.

Activities

Society of Women Engineers – National Member

MIT Varsity Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track

MIT Women's Club Ice Hockey

Sept. 2010-present

Aug. 2009-present

Jan. 2010-present

Skills

**Computer:** Microsoft Office Suite, familiarity with C++ and MATLAB.

Language: Intermediate proficiency in Spanish.