#### Elizabeth M. Pula

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#### Education

#### Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

June 2011

#### Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, GPA 4.1

Coursework includes: Design & Manufacturing, Dynamics and Control, Mechanics and Materials, Thermal-Fluids, Differential Equations, Microeconomics, Finance Theory, People & Organizations, Java Programming

### St. Francis High School, Wheaton, IL

May 2007

Salutatorian, AP Scholar with Honors, Top Honors in State Math Competition.

#### **Experience**

June 2010 – Present MIT Mechanical Engineering Department: BioInstrumentation Lab, Cambridge, MA Created SolidWorks models and animations of MICA sensors (small, cube, wireless, real-time sensors to measure pH, acceleration, humidity, etc.) and their environments. Directly worked with department head to explore uses of tactile communication using small vibrating motors on the skin to convey movement directions.

#### Camp Kesem, Center Tuftonboro, NH

August 2008 – Present

#### Counselor, Fundraising Team, Student Support Coordinator

Led cabin of 15 younger girls in team building and self-discovery camp activities. Camp Kesem is for children whose parents have or had cancer. Member of team which was responsible for raising the \$40,000 required to offer the camp free of charge. Recruited and trained 40 college students to become counselors.

#### Illinois Science and Technology Coalition, Chicago, IL Intern

June 2009 – August 2009

Responsible for reviewing pending legislative bills that have a direct impact on Illinois research and development initiatives. Develop new methods to increase awareness for the need of more research and development opportunities at universities, private sectors, and federal laboratories. Create briefs for President / CEO of ISTC used in presentations to state and federal legislators.

## MIT Mechanical Engineering Department: Techet Lab, Cambridge, MA

February 2009 – May 2009

#### Research Assistant

Studied the out-of-water takeoff of different species of flying fish. Utilized SolidWorks in building a tank and MATLAB for particle image velocimetry in analyzing results.

## Illinois Shotokan Karate Club, Naperville, IL

March 2005 - August 2008

## Karate Instructor, Second-degree black belt

Taught four different level classes to students from age 5 to 50. Developed activities to practice self-defense, coordination, and concentration. Prepared students for an intensive test that covered all skills learned in class.

# MIT Chemical Engineering Department: Hamel Lab, Cambridge, MA

January 2008 - May 2008

#### Research Assistant

Tested different professional cell filters for cellular analysis. Instrumental in developing products which could be brought to market.

### Edward Hospital, Naperville, IL

September 2005 – August 2006

### Lead Volunteer

Welcomed hospital visitors and assisted them with locating patients. Delivered flowers and gifts to patients located throughout the hospital. Trained new volunteers to develop communicative and leadership skills in order to be effective at their position.

#### Leadership

Global Poverty Initiative Executive Director

January 2010 – Present

Society of Women Engineers Membership Development Chair

December 2007 - Present January 2009 – January 2010

Global Poverty Initiative Director of Outreach Global Poverty Initiative Education Director / Logistics Team Member

September 2007 – January 2009

St. Francis High School Student Body President

September 2006 – May 2007

#### **Activities** MIT Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority

September 2007 – Present

MIT Public Service Center volunteer

September 2007 – Present

#### **Skills**

Technical: Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; familiar with SolidWorks, MATLAB, Java, and Mathcad

Language: conversant in French, Spanish, and Chinese (Mandarin)