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## **EDUCATION**

# Stanford University Stanford, CA | B.S in Electrical Engineering

Expected June 2027

2024-2025 Coursework: Signals and System I, Signals and System II, Circuits I, Circuits II, Ordinary Differential Equations, Vector Calculus, Programming Abstractions in C++, Computer Vision: Foundations and Applications

# **Dublin High School** Dublin, CA

June 2024

Unweighted GPA: 4.00/4.00, Weighted GPA: 4.56/5.00

## **EXPERIENCE**

## Stanford University Arbabian Lab Stanford, CA

Fall 2024

- Designing 2<sup>nd</sup> generation PCB boards for sonar detection in ocean mapping using photoacoustic effect
- Using Altium for PCB layout and focusing on reusability and iterability for future generations
- Routed more than 400 traces across 4 layers and included polygon pours for GND & PWR for protection
- Testing and verifying correct functionality of boards post fabrication with development kits

# NASA Ames Research Internship Mountain View, CA

Summer 2023

- Researched use of biodegradable drones paired with AI to fight wildfires
- Created novel design that utilizes aqueous lithium-ion batteries and a mycelium structure
- Coordinated with two NASA engineers and implemented changes based on feedback from weekly meetings
- Published paper on NASA's website and presented design to director of NASA Ames Research Center

## ASDRP Research Program Fremont, CA

Summer 2021 - Winter 2023

- Researched use of nano-silicon (20nm 50μm sizes) in lithium-ion anode batteries
- Used cyclic-voltammetry and galvanostatic charge-discharge to measure specific capacity
- Trained machine learning model to identify key factors in determining home loan approval
- Cleaned and supplied model with 10 years of home loan data from various target cities in the USA
- Displayed decision tree model for visual representation of model's behavior and to detect if race was a factor

## **PROJECTS**

#### **Custom Verilog CPU Design**

Fall 2024

- Implemented a 32-bit CPU in Verilog with program and data memory, arithmetic instructions, and logical unit
- Incorporated jump and branch instructions and register files for proper functionality
- Created verification test benches to validate CPU design through Xilinx Vivado software

## **Self-Leveling PCB System**

Spring 2024

- Designed and simulated circuit in NI Multisim SPICE-based circuit simulation software
- Created physical prototype on breadboard and used Fusion 360 Electronics for designing layout of PCB
- Masked, etched, drilled, and soldered components onto a single-layered copper board
- PCB detects levelness of system and illuminates LEDs in correction direction

## **4-Function FPGA Calculator**

Summer 2023

- Coded mathematical operations in Verilog and implemented I<sup>2</sup>C data transfer protocols
- Controlled 2-line LCD display with I<sup>2</sup>C and created scanning IP blocks for keypad membrane in Verilog
- Created testbenches and debugged issues through waveforms with Verdi verification software
- Ported design onto Xilinx FPGA through Vivado and was able to perform basic mathematical operations

## **Al Allergy Detection Software Application**

Spring 2023

- Developed software that automatically detects if groceries contain allergens specific to the shopper
- Used Google Cloud Vision AI and Python to automatically detect shopper's face and groceries
- Implemented database in SQLite3 and coded .sql files for storing shopper's allergens and account information
- Used Flask, Gunicorn, NGINX, to set up server to run website where users can create accounts and input allergens

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS & AWARDS**

**Technical Skills:** Python, Java, C++, Verilog, MATLAB, Xilinx Vivado, Altium, Arduino, NI Multisim, Breadboarding, PCB Design & Fabrication, Fusion 360 Electronics, OpenCV, Flask, Gunicorn, NGINX, Xcode, Oscilloscopes

**Honors & Awards:** USA Physics Olympiad Qualifier, American Invitational Mathematics Examination Qualifier, IEEE MIT URTC Presenter, Lead Presenter at 2022 Material Research Society International Conference, Presenter at 68<sup>th</sup> American Vacuum Society International Conference, 2 Journal Publications in IJRASET