# **Benjamin Caro**

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# Portfolio

# **EDUCATION**

**University of Delaware** Newark, DE

Honors Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering GPA 3.811 | Dean's List in Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024 May 2024

Master of Science in Robotics

Graduating May 2025

GPA 3.958

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **UD Mechanical Engineering Department**

Newark, DE

Fab Lab Technician - Lead

Aug. 2022 - Present

- Operate fabrication instruments (3D Printer, Laser Cutter) for over 600 students' assignments and for faculty research
- Consult with undergraduate students on the most time and cost-efficient manufacturing processes for projects
- Manage all other Fab Lab employees to ensure SOPs are followed properly

*Undergraduate Research – PLSC, Dr. Bao's Lab* 

Feb. 2024 – Present

- Develop a novel hanging robot to scale linear and/or pivot irrigation systems without extra infrastructure installed
- Design and test various mechanical and electrical systems for proper functionality with a 30lb load

Graduate Research Assistant – HORC Lab

Sept. 2024 – Present

- Learn how to use ROS2 Humble with Gazebo Classic
- Create a digital twin of a swarm robots and arena for an offline simulator that uses realistic kinematics

Teaching Assistant - Computer Aided Design, Statics, Dynamics, Machine Design I & II

Feb. 2022 - May 2024

- Oversee more than 25 first year undergraduate students for lab/discussion
- Hold office hours for all 150 students, proctor exams, and grade weekly assignments

Stanley Black & Decker

Towson, MD June 2024 - Aug. 2024 Electro-mechanical Engineering Intern - Batteries

- Research and develop laser welding procedures to replace a solder joint inside of the DEWALT battery packs Run thermal studies to validate if the welded area performs favorably in comparison to the original joint
- Assist engineers and technicians on general battery work for various studies

Baltimore, MD **Northrop Grumman** 

Manufacturing Engineering Intern – Conformal Coating

June 2023 - Aug. 2023

- Automate procedures on electrical boards that operators would traditionally work on to save time
- Create Work Instructions that detail specific procedures for different boards that operators can follow
- Analyze boards that operators have trouble with and create routing requests to resolve the issues

# **UD Center for Composite Materials**

Newark, DE

Intern – NASA ULI Project

June 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Prepare and assemble sample blanks for mechanical property testing
- Execute precise layup procedures in quasi-directional orientation using proprietary materials to increase strength
- Use technical knowledge to plan for efficient sizing to cut the material to usable sizes and minimize waste

#### **AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS**

## **University of Delaware**

- Mechanical Engineering Alumni Award Outstanding Senior
- W. Francis Lindell Mechanical Engineering Award to the Distinguished Junior

#### **Boy Scouts of America**

Eagle Scout

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

# **Mechanical Engineering Student Squad**

Newark, DE

Club Member

March 2022 - Present

- Give tours through the Mechanical Engineering building for prospective students
- Host and volunteer at community events for undergraduate Mechanical Engineering students

# **SKILLS**

Proficient in: SolidWorks, Fusion 360, Onshape, Python, C/C++, Arduino, ROS2, MATLAB, Wiring, Word, PowerPoint, Excel