Brian Tanabe

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EDUCATION

B.S. Product Design

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Sep 2017 - Jun 2022

EXPERIENCE

Product Design Engineer & Consultant

Foldscope Instruments, Palo Alto, CA

Jan 2019 - Present

- Prototyped new devices of research and development
- Built a cross-platform mobile application to augment the Foldscope user experience
- Conducted user interviews to collect stakeholder feedback across 5 countries

Intern Jun 2020 - Sep 2020

Trove Foods, San Francisco, CA

- Wrote code to operate a prototype PID controlled cooking device
- Built jigs and wrote test code for candidate hardware

Balloons High Altitude Recovery Team Lead & Mechanical Engineer

Jan 2018 - Jan 2020

Stanford Student Space Initiative, Stanford, CA

- Oversaw the research and design of a new recovery design
- Managed prototype development & testing
- Worked with a small team to develop a guided recovery device for payloads dropped from ~35,000ft
- Built temperature resistant systems to maintain stability and record flight data for high-altitude balloons

Team Lead & Mechanical Engineer

Jan 2018 - Sep 2019

Engineers for a Sustainable World | Remote Monitoring Device Team, Stanford, CA

- Developed ruggedized, user friendly casings for all electronics
- Lead a small team of engineers developing a monitoring device for sustainable power plants in rural areas
- Coordinated the installation of multiple prototypes in multiple provinces of Indonesia
- Created and managed project budgets, critical timelines, and documentation

Summer School Mechatronics Teacher

The Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA

Jul 2017 - Aug 2017

- Created multiple curricula for 3D printing, laser cutting, and Arduino
- Instructed three different STEM focused classes for students aged 8-17
- Introduced high-school students to standard CAD programs and practices

SKILLS

Programming C/C++, Python, Javascript, HTML/CSS, MatLab

CAD Fusion360, Solidworks

Design Figma, Sketch, Adobe Illustrator

Fabrication 3D Printing, Laser Cutting, Injection Molding, Casting

Extracurriculars Outdoor Trip Leader, Stanford Marching Band Tenor Saxophone Section Leader, Stanford Polo Team