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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mechanical Engineer & Business Developer | [NK Labs](#) | Cambridge, MA | June 2017 – Present

Mechanical Engineering

- Led project to design, build, and test smart camera vision system for agricultural environment; passed IP65 test
- Conceptualized and designed mechanical interface for modular, time-of-flight camera for iterative, repeatable position and orientation of LEDs in minimal volume; assisted in debug, testing, and data collection in MATLAB
- Created automated 3-axis dark box test rig to assess light-sensitive electronics; wrote MATLAB control software
- Redesigned inherited high-vacuum chamber for muon-catalyzed fusion physics experiment with focus on ease-of-assembly, particle permeability, vacuum compliance, wire routing, and existing geometric constraints
- Worked on-site at Paul Scherrer Institute particle accelerator, various client labs, demos, and test locations
- Ideated and designed mobility robot sub-system to vertically lift payloads up to 2.5X base height
- Designed, prototyped, and tested robot sub-system to automatically attach to and lift itself onto standard car hitch
- Worked with an industrial design mindset, utilizing silicone foams and fabric for ergonomic, comfortable features
- Developed, made drawings, and constructed 60 hp torque test fixture to evaluate prototype aerospace motor
- Coordinated and collaborated with various clients, manufacturers, vendors, testing facilities, etc.

Business Development, Marketing, & Team Management

- Managed project leads; primary point of contact for potential clients; drafted project proposals and grant applications
- Led interviews for co-op and full-time hirings: organized job postings, filtered resumes, ran phone screens, etc.
- Overhauled and maintained company website, improved SEO, created ads, and increased monthly traffic by >3X
- Hosted company booths at US Dept. of Energy ARPA-E Summit and BIOMEDEVICE Expo

Advanced Systems Mechanical Engineering Co-op | [Boston Engineering](#) | Waltham, MA | Jan – June 2016

- Designed complex parts and assemblies for robotic systems in PTC Creo and maintained in Windchill PDM
- Executed effective design strategies for static and dynamic sealing and preferred CG and CB of marine components
- Learned and applied basics of circuitry to assemble functional electrical prototype systems

Mechanical Engineering Co-op | [Farm Product Development](#) | Hollis, NH | Jan – June 2015

- Engaged in design projects for clients across the biomedical industry from brainstorming to full-scale prototypes
- Obtained skills for surface modeling within SolidWorks and earned Advanced Surfacing certification
- Performed FEA using ANSYS Workbench and SolidWorks Simulation to determine appropriate part geometry

Research & Development Co-op | [LeMaitre Vascular](#) | Burlington, MA | Jan – June 2014

- Utilized SolidWorks to design, model, and produce drawings of parts and fixtures for R&D and Production use
- Conducted device and component testing on samples across many of company's product lines
- Made regular use of laboratory equipment such as the Instron, Vision System, and burst pressure system

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Applications: SolidWorks CSWP | PTC Creo/Windchill | Onshape | ANSYS | Asana | Trello | Google Ads/Analytics

Fabrication: Mill | Lathe | 3D Printers (SLA, FDM) | OMAX Water Jet | Laser Cutter | DFM | Woodworking | Soldering

Software: MATLAB | Git | Linux/Ubuntu | Basic HTML / CSS / Bootstrap | Basic Python

Testing: Oscilloscope | Instron Material Tester | Multimeter | Ingress Protection | High-Vacuum

EDUCATION

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Minor in Biomechanical Eng. | [Northeastern University](#) | Boston, MA | May 2017

Honors: Magna Cum Laude | University Honors Program | Dean's List | National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar

Activities: FIRST Robotics Team 125 "NUTRONS" | Civic Engagement Program | Biomedical Optics Taipei DoC

Senior Capstone Design Project: Automated Control System to Map Cartilage Material Properties - Team Lead

BACKGROUND & INTERESTS

Music • Travel • Bike Commuting • Hiking • Snowboarding • Pizza