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Education

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) – B.S., Mechanical Engineering Major.

Expected: June 2017.

GPA: 3.5

Experience

Teradek - Internship, Irvine

Summer 2015

- Assembled devices, trouble-shoot LCD screens, soldered components on PCB boards, wrote assembly manuals for production.
- Performed mechanical testing on devices: Vibration testing, heat testing, drop testing.
- Tested the wifi range of products on different wifi channels, in client and infrastructure mode, for internal and external antennas.
- Analyzed the signal of MIMO antennas using a spectrum analyzer to troubleshoot a reduction in the wifi range.

Research Assistant, Energy Innovation Laboratory, UCLA.

February 2014-Present.

PI: Prof. Richard Wirz.

- Developed solid models and animations of wind turbines using <u>SolidWorks</u>, to be used in presentations by the PI.
- Plotted and analyzed the mass properties of composite wind turbine blades using <u>Python</u>.

MAE 94 Project – Rubber Band Powered Car, UCLA.

Fall Quarter 2014.

- Designed and built a rubber band miniature car (using SolidWorks and 3D-printing) after performing FEA on it.
- Selected a fan drivetrain to eliminate wheel spin.

Thales Arduino Challenge, UCLA.

November 2014.

- Designed and prototyped an automated parking lot ticket-printing machine that extends towards an approaching vehicle.
- Programmed the automation using an <u>Arduino</u> microcontroller, <u>C++</u>, and sensors.

Physics 1C Extra Credit Project - Virtual Reality Headset, UCLA.

Fall Quarter 2014

- Designed and 3D printed a modified Google Cardboard virtual reality headset.
- Modified the Google cardboard design to accept a wider range of phone devices and features.
 - Incorporated an earphone port and an adjustable back to support phones of different thicknesses.
 - Improved the air circulation around the device to overcome overheating problems with Google Cardboard.
 - Implemented the option to use different lenses and adjust the distance between them.

Underwater Unmanned Vehicle Club, UCLA.

September 2013-Present.

- Created CAD models of different parts of the submarine.
- Transitioned from CAD to the electronics team aiming to improve the code and wiring that allows the vehicle control underwater.

Motor Oil Hellas – Internship, Greece.

Summer of 2014.

- Analyzed petrochemical and automotive industry reports, for energy trends and technological innovations in the mobility sector until 2050.
- The results were included in the presentation that was made to the president of the company.

International Environmental camp with Lifeworks, Ecuador.

Summer of 2012.

- Planted native plant species in Galapagos Islands.
- Created a watering system for a community in the Amazon.
- Built a compost toilet for a local school in the Andes.

Leadership Experience

President of the Athens College Student Government.

- Raised \$90,000 revenue in the student's annual festival, yielding a 20% profit.
- Raised \$6,000 revenue during our Christmas dance event, yielding a 15% profit.

Activities

Member of the UCLA Club Soccer team.

January of 2014-June 2014.

Academic year: 2012-2013.

Scuba diving, Greece, BVI islands.

2010-Present

Certifications: Padi-open water diver, deep diver, night diver, underwater naturalist, and shipwreck diver.

Languages: Fluent in Greek and English. Basic knowledge of German.