# **ELIJAH HOUSE**

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#### **EDUCATION**

Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

Current

Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering

Purdue University— IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN

May 2022

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (GPA 3.7/4.0)

Marian University, Indianapolis, IN

May 2022

B.S. in Applied Mathematics — Honors: Cum Laude (GPA 3.6/4.0)

Minor in Physics

## **EXPERIENCE**

Marian University Research Assistant January – May 2021

Indianapolis, IN

• Collaborated with a small team to create iron-nanoparticles to be used for evaluating electrical properties of polyvinylidene (PVDF) films

- Tested PVDF polymers of different sizes by using a Raspberry Pi to run electrical signals through the polymer to observe the change in the magnetic field
- Compiled notes and papers to rewrite a new abstract for a paper that shows the potential in the research

## **Gray Goat Bicycle Company**

May 2020 - May 2021

Store Manager, Bicycle Mechanic

Indinapolis, IN

- Organized a new service system to bring down a three-week backlog during COVID-19 pandemic, providing customers with workorders when promised
- Completed industry specific online education courses on mechanics, sales, and business to run the store more
  efficiently
- Managed shop and customer demand during supply chain shortages, coming up with creative solutions to their problems

#### **ENGINEERING PROJECTS**

## **Senior Capstone Design**

January – May 2022

- Collaborated with a small group to produce a kitting cart to increase worksite efficiency for a local construction robotics startup company
- Organized weekly meetings with team members, sponsors and professors to keep the project within deadlines
- Analyzed CAD drawings using FEA in ANSYS to ensure cart could bear the weight of painting equipment

## **Bicycle Wheel Geometry Optimization**

January – May 2022

- Modeled a bicycle wheel that balances weight and safety by maximizing lateral, radial, and torsional stiffnesses while minimizing weight
- Developed MATLAB scripts to perform reliability based design (RBD) to get optimal design variables that satisfy minimum probability of failure requirements
- Compared RBD MATLAB results to an evolutionary algorithm modeled in Excel to achieve a wheel four times lighter and more safe

## **Machine Learning Project**

January – December 2021

- Integrated physics into a deep neural network (DNN) algorithm to solve the Burger's equation and found the velocity profile of a shockwave that satisfy initial and boundary conditions
- Developed MATLAB scripts to train a model on a custom DNN
- Verified DNN prediction, proving that a DNN could be used for estimating PDE's without the need for numerical methods

#### **Mathematics Senior Research**

August - December 2021

- Researched hybridization of the stochastic tunneling algorithm for global optimization, focusing on the mathematics behind the algorithms and the applications
- Presented my research to the math department and wrote a technical paper explaining the mathematics used in stochastic tunneling algorithms

Smart Mirror May – July 2020

- Designed and developed a smart mirror that functions as both a reflective mirror and electronic screen
- Produced a smart mirror using a Raspberry Pi, Linux, JavaScript, and open-source API's that displays real time information such as reminders, weather, Spotify data, and calendar events

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's list Marian Athletic Award Scholarship for Cycling Member of Sigma Zeta USA Cycling Academic All Star 8 semesters

National science and mathematics honor society 8 semesters competing in USA Cycling National Championships while holding at least a 3.5 GPA

## **SKILLS**

Programming Software

MATLAB (optimization and machine learning toolboxes), C++, Linux, Raspberry Pi PTC Creo, ANSYS, MiniTab, Adobe Photoshop, Premiere Pro

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Design Optimization Fluid Mechanics

Probabilistic Eng. Design Machine Learning for ME

## **ACTIVITIES**

## **Marian University Cycling Team**

Team Leader / Mentor

August 2017 – May 2022

Indianapolis, IN

- Volunteered as an ambassador for the MS Foundation, connecting the team with the Bike MS division
- Competed in 10 different national championships, winning 7 team championships
- Balanced a full course load with 15 to 20 hours of training a week, travel, and mentorship to new members

## **Texas Roadhouse Cycling Team**

October 2019 – Present

- Won the elite points race at the USA Cycling Track National Championships against the best track cyclists in the country
- Placed second in the Team Pursuit event at the National Championships, improving over 19 seconds in the 4km event after dedicated training with the team

# **REFERENCES**

**Jeffery Carvell** 

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