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EDUCATION

June 2014	Massachusetts Institute of Technology • BS in Mechanical Engineering and Brain & Cognitive Sciences GPA 4.8/5.0 • Coursework: Mechanics & Materials, Dynamics & Controls, Thermal-fluids Engineering, Manufacturing & Design, Measurement & Instrumentation, Toy Product Design, Neuroscience	Cambridge, MA
June 2010	West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South • Cumulative GPA: 3.91/4.0 Weighted GPA: 4.61	Princeton Jct, NJ

EXPERIENCE

Sept 2012 – Present	MIT Media Lab—Undergraduate Researcher in Biomechatronics Lab • Designing an apparatus to test a miniature continuous variable transmission device in multiple angle and torque profiles. The device will fit inside active knee prostheses to reduce power consumption.	Cambridge, MA
May 2012 – Aug 2012	NASA Ames Research Center—Intern of National Space Biomedical Research Institute • Studied the role of autophagy genes in neural tissue on locomotion of <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> in hypergravity. • Delivered formal presentation to Space Biosciences lab. First author on presented poster, manuscript in process.	Mountain View, CA
Jan 2011 – May 2012	MIT Picower Institute—Undergraduate Researcher in Wilson Lab • Studied spatial navigation and memory replay in the hippocampus. • Conducted cluster analysis of neuronal firing to identify patterns, and taught analysis to other students. • Led design of behavioral tasks, directed animal training, initiated a system to prepare raw data for computer analysis, built electrodes, assisted in implantation surgery. • Second author on abstract for SfN Neuroscience 2012.	Cambridge, MA
May 2011 – Aug 2011	Summer Institute for the Gifted—Counselor at Yale University and Dartmouth College • Mentored a residential group of girls ages 12-17. • Led the most highly-attended nightly tutorials in math and science. • Supplemented instructors in eight classes (ex., Algebra II, Brain and Dreaming, Medical Research).	New Haven, CT Hanover, NH
Jan 2011 – Feb 2011	MIT Innovations in International Health—Undergraduate Researcher in D-Lab: Health • Designed medical kits for drug delivery and diagnostics in developing countries. • Developed XoutTB, a simple test that aims to increase treatment compliance. • Liaison between lab members at MIT and in Nicaragua.	Cambridge, MA

LEADERSHIP

Nov 2010 – Present	Managing Board, Production Editor—The Tech • The Tech is MIT's largest and oldest student newspaper. The managing board makes decisions that affect 150 staff and maintains a budget of over \$200,000. I lead the production department, which designs that layout and graphics, and oversees publication of every issue, twice per week.
Jan 2012 – Present	Philanthropy Chair—Kappa Alpha Theta • KAΘ is an international fraternity dedicated to high scholarship, influence of good, and moral standard of love. • Organize four philanthropy events. The largest is KATwalk, a fashion show that raises \$3000 annually and is attended by over 300 members of the Greater Boston community. I oversee committees, coordinate logistics, and solicit sponsors to supplement a \$2000 budget. • 150% of previous years' funds raised in each of my completed fundraisers this year
Sept 2011 – Sept 2012	Brigham and Women's Hospital—Volunteer in Medical Careers Exploration Program • Assisted patients with reduced mobility, transported specimens and equipment, escorted families

DISTINCTIONS

Institute Award: Honorable Mention for Outstanding Academic Record (May 2012)
AP Scholar with Distinction, National Youth Science Camp (1 of 2 NJ reps)
National Science Olympiad ('09, '10), Future Problem Solving International ('07, '09, '10)

SKILLS

Mathcad	Solidworks	Adobe InDesign	Running
MATLAB	Mastercam	Adobe Photoshop	Equestrian
C++	Machine Tools	Microsoft Office	Guitar