# **JACOB MERSON**

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### Education

• Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute—Troy, NY May, 2015 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering GPA: 3.60 (overall)

# Professional Experience

- Undergraduate Research—Troy, NY Research Assistant RPI Nano-M3 Lab: 2011–present
  - Analyze micro machining of bone with finite element analysis, and milling experiments for orthopedic surgical applications. (Advisor: Johnson Samuel)
  - Developed bone microstructure staining proceedure.
  - Conducted micromachining experiments on bone (funded by NSF CAREER award).
  - Created concept designs for state of the art 3D printer for surgeon training (funded by Department of Defense).
- Undergraduate Research—Troy, NY Research Assistant RPI Computer Science Robotics Lab: 2011
  - Developed mechanical test beds for RPI computer science robotics lab. (Advisor: Jeff Trinkle)
  - Developed safety procedures for small machine shop.
- DeLorme—Yarmouth, ME Technology Intern: 2011
  - Developed a remote embedded system to track traffic. This system interfaced with the DeLorme inReach<sup>TM</sup> satellite communicator and DeLorme XMap GIS software.

### **Publications**

- Modeling the Effect of Nanofiller Geometry on Machining Responses in Advanced Composites in preparation to be submitted to the ASME Journal of Manufacturing, Summer 2014
- Effects of Bone Microstructure on Cutting Response as Seen in Orthopedic Surgery poster presentation at RPI Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2012

# Leadership Experience

- RPI Professional Leadership Program—Troy, NY 2013-2014
  - Full year training program for management and leadership skills.
- Phi Gamma Delta: Fraternity—Troy, NY Vice President of Community Service: 2013–present
- Pi Tau Sigma: Mechanical Engineering Honors Society—Troy, NY
- Boy Scouts of America—Falmouth, ME Eagle Scout: 2011
  - Refurbished old unused bikes for donation to a local charity.

### Relevant Course Work

- Computational Physics—Troy, NY Spring, 2014
  - Apply numerical algorithms to physics problems which do not have analytical solutions.
- Introduction to Finite Element Analysis—Troy, NY Fall, 2013
  - Introduction to Finite Element Method with solid mechanics to solve real world engineering problems. Special
    attention was payed to how to judge the quality of the numerical solution.
- Micro-Machining of Bone—Troy, NY Fall, 2013
  - Developed procedures and apparatus for microscale cutting tests.

### Software

 Microsoft Office Suite, Python, C, C++, Matlab, NX, Solid Edge, Solid Works, Abaqus, Hypermesh, Linux, OSX, Windows

# **Awards**

- Dean's List—Troy, NY Spring, 2011–Present
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Founders Award of Excellence—Troy, NY May, 2013
  - Awarded to top one percent of students to honor academic excellence, creativity, discovery and leadership.