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Adaptable and highly motivated with strong computer proficiency, problem-solving abilities, and critical thinking skills. Demonstrated leadership through tutoring, sports, and various clubs. Seeking a challenging mechanical engineering role that offers both professional growth and personal satisfaction, where I can apply my skills, tackle complex problems, and make meaningful contributions.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Graduation Date: December 2024
GPA 3.97

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mechanical Engineering Intern

May 2024 – August 2024

Intralox, Harahan, Louisiana

- Designed for scalability: Created components that support large-scale manufacturing and introduced a new product that reduced package flyouts by 83%
- Engineered for performance: Improved automated conveyor systems to boost operational performance
- Developed for optimization: Constructed conveyor systems, maximizing space utilization, material flow, and safety
- Enhanced automation: Improved system functionality for advanced sorting and merging capabilities

Production Intern

May 2022 – July 2022

Special Products and Mfg., Inc., Dallas, Texas

May 2023 – July 2023

- Assembly line streamlining: Led the onboarding of a new 3D printer assembly, optimized work instructions and floor layout, and trained operators, resulting in a 100% increase in production efficiency
- Part Inspection: Verified laser-cut parts against blueprints and resolved discrepancies
- Design for manufacturability: Reviewed and improved designs for better performance and cost savings
- New Product Introduction: Assisted in transitioning products from design to production

SKILLS

SOLIDWORKS (CSWA Certification) • Microsoft Office Suite • Troubleshooting and Problem Solving • Quality control • Design for manufacturability • Innovative and analytical thinking • Teamwork • Adaptability • Organization • Attention to detail • Time management • Communication • Process improvement • Budgeting

PROJECTS

- RobotX Autonomous Boat:** Assembled hardware, integrated sensors, modified ROS code for remote and autonomous operation, troubleshooted electrical and programming issues, and designed custom 3D printed parts
- Automated Chicken Coop Door:** Designed, coded, and built a fully automated chicken coop door system
- Mystery Design:** Created a cost-effective device in a week that won a competition by satisfying unique constraints
- Robotics Competition:** Engineered a winning robot with a Python microcontroller, meeting all competition criteria
- Custom Composite Paddleboard:** Built a lightweight, durable paddleboard using composite materials
- Composite Ping Pong Paddle:** Designed and constructed a custom carbon fiber paddle with 3D printed TPU grips

AWARDS AND CLUBS

President's List Honor Roll
Magnolia Scholarship (>3.0 GPA)
Secretary of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Louisiana Engineering Society

Fall 2020 – Spring 2023
Fall 2020 – Fall 2024
Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
Fall 2022 – Fall 2024

REFERENCES

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