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# EDUCATION

**New York University Abu Dhabi**, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates **Exp Grad: May 2023**

* **Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Economics (Minor)**
* **Current GPA: 3.99/4.0**
* **Relevant Coursework**: Finite Element Analysis; Thermodynamics; Numerical Methods; Partial Differential Equations; Modeling and Analysis of Dynamical Systems; Machine Design; Design and Innovation.

**Loyola Jesuit College**, Abuja, Nigeria **July 2019**

* 2nd in Nigeria, 2019 West African Senior School Certificate Examination **(**out of 346,098 students**)**
* SAT Math: 800/800, SAT Math II: 800/800, SAT Physics: 790/800

# RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

**Computational Solid Mechanics,** NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE **Jan. 2022 – Present**

*Research Assistant*

Website: <https://www.computational-mechanics.org/>

* Assisted professor and postdoctoral research associate with the development of a neural network to optimize run-time for non-linear computational mechanics.
* Created stiffness optimization program using Python and ANSYS interface for complex FEA models.
* Designed ANSYS static structural models to analyse load path across honeycomb structure at different orientations.
* Developed Python program to create solid geometries with randomly generated holes for damage propagation study.
* Presented findings using MS PowerPoint to the head professor and team weekly.

**Modelling and Analysis of Dynamical Systems**, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE **Aug 2022 – Dec 2022**

*Teaching Assistant*

* Graded weekly assignments and quizzes for a class of 16 third-year Mechanical Engineering students.
* Provided regular feedback on graded assessments to explain errors to the students.
* Maintained an open channel for students to seek help with confusing topics from lectures.

**Vijay Lab - Heatsink Lattice Optimization**, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE **Apr 2021 – Aug 2021**

*Research Assistant*

* Researched the use of TPMS lattices to improve heat transfer efficiency in micro-scale heat sinks.
* Designed CAD models of TPMS lattices selected based on high surface area to volume ratio.
* Developed computational fluid dynamic (CFD) models for promising structures and documented each model’s performance using the derived pressure drop and Nusselt number.

**Solar Ship Inc.**, Toronto, Canada **May 2022 – Aug 2022**

*Remote Engineering Design Intern*

Link: <https://sites.google.com/nyu.edu/peacesavinglives/project>

* Researched the use of solar-powered hybrid UAVs to tackle food insecurity in Arusha, Tanzania.
* Identified the points of needs and regions of agricultural surplus in Arusha to plot accurate flight routes.
* Drafted technical requirements for feasible operation, while considering climate and geography.
* Presented solution to chief executives of Solar Ship Inc. with comprehensive Electronic Press Kit.

**NYUAD iGEM Competition Team**, United Arab Emirates **Mar 2021 - Mar 2022**

*Team Member*

* Collaborated with staff and student members to design a Point of Care (POC) device to detect fungal infections in amphibians.
* Modified device to reduce flow time needed in lateral flow assays while maintaining accuracy of results.
* Recorded observations in group’s Notion page for easy referral and collaboration.
* Researched relevant parts and chemicals to purchase and use in the POC device.

**Student Affairs Office**, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE **Aug 2020 – Present**

*Resident Assistant*

* Manage resources and allocated finances to host events for a residential community of over 450 students.
* Draft reports on the general state of campus facilities as well as suggest possible improvements.
* Plan community events to provide a conducive residential environment for campus residents.

# PROJECTS

**Capstone Project – Optimization of Crumple Zones in Cars**, NYU Abu Dhabi **Jan 2022 – Present**

* Optimized crumple zones of cars, focused on reducing the cost and weight of longitudinal crash bars.
* Investigated properties of promising materials, fillings, and geometries to result in designs with greater energy dissipation and crash resistance stiffness.
* Ran explicit dynamics simulations on CAD prototypes using finite element analysis software, ANSYS to select most promising prototypes for physical experimentation.
* Conducted compression experiments on physical prototypes to derive specific energy absorption using Instron Universal Testing Machine.

**Automobile Heat Exchanger Design**, NYU Abu Dhabi **Sept 2022**

* Designed the schematics for an automobile air-cooled tube-fin heat exchanger with an Ethylene Glycol 50:50 coolant, following ASTM standards.
* Derived appropriate values associated with the design such as heat transfer rate, total thermal resistance considering fouling, NTU, fin efficiency, effectiveness, pressure drop and pumping power.
* Modified design using MATLAB scripts to improve heat transfer rate, fin efficiency and effectiveness.
* Conducted off-design performance analysis at ambient air temperatures above and below the conventional range.

**Light Rapper**, NYU Abu Dhabi **Jan 2020 – Feb 2020**

* Collaborated with other group members to design the software and enclosure for five light-up knocker prototypes to aid people with hearing defects.
* Utilized online electronic design automation tool (EasyEDA) to create a customized PCB for the project.
* Programmed Arduino Circuit with Gyroscope (C++) to provide light sequence in response to vibrations caused by visitor knocks .

**Fire Drill Simulator**, NYU Abu Dhabi **Nov 2019 – Dec 2019**

* Designed a VR environment for fire drill training in schools and offices using Unity 3D and C# programming.
* Integrated Oculus Rift technology (Headset and Touch Controllers) for user interaction in the simulation.

**2018 Interswitch Innovation Challenge - Naija Transit System**, Nigeria. **Aug 2018 – Sept 2018**

* Utilized various data collection techniques such as interviews, surveys, and observation to formulate a user- friendly application to improve the Nigerian Public Transport System.
* Prepared presentation using visual and audio media to pitch formulated ideas to potential investors on a televised show (Link: [video link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zPyCcPqiRM&t=2446s)).

# AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*2nd Best in Nigeria*, **2019 West African Senior School Certificate Examination. Dec 2020**

* Out of the approximately 346,098 students that sat for the 2019 national high school certification examination, I emerged the candidate with the second best score in Nigeria.

*3rd Position*, **2018 Interswitch SPAK Innovation Challenge**. **Sept 2018**

* Out of 11,412 students nationwide, I led a team of eight students from different regions and cultures in Nigeria to pitch an innovative solution to the nation’s public transportation issues.

# SKILLS

**Language:** English (Native)

**Technical/Digital Skills:** Python including SciPy and NumPy (Advanced) | C/C++ (Advanced) | MATLAB (Advanced) | MS Office Suite (Advanced) | CAD/SolidWorks (Advanced) | ANSYS (Advanced) | COMSOL (Intermediate) | Machine Learning | Additive Manufacturing | Stata (Advanced).

**Personal Skills:** Project Management | Project Development | Problem solving | Critical Thinking.

# NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

**American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)** **Oct 2021 - Present**

Student Member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). I am also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Chapter at NYU Abu Dhabi.

# HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

**Intercollegiate Basketball**

* Registered player in the Abu Dhabi Inter-University Sports League (ADISL).
* Volunteer in the Special Needs Adaptive Program (SNAP) basketball, a basketball program in which university students teach basketball skills to special needs children in the UAE.