# **CHUN-KAI (KENNY) KAO**

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## **EDUCATION**

Stanford University Stanford, CA

M.S. Electrical Engineering, expected June 2013. GPA: 3.8/4.0.

3/11 -present

Relevant coursework: human-computer interaction, machine learning, linear dynamical systems, convex optimization

B.S. Electrical Engineering –Software Concentration, June 2012. GPA: 3.8/4.0.

9/08 - 6/12

- Honors: Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, CS247 Human-Computer Interaction Final Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Relevant coursework: object-oriented design, computer organization & systems, databases, finite automata & complexity theory, digital systems, signals processing, linear algebra, differential equations, multivariable calculus

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Palantir Technologies** Palo Alto, CA expected 5/12

Forward Deployed Engineer Intern, Palantir Finance

Scope and nature of work to be determined.

**Opower,** Leading Energy Efficiency & Smart Grid Software Startup

Software Engineer & Product Manager Intern

Arlington, VA 6/11 - 9/11

- Led a cross-functional team of 8 from ideation to the completion of development of an individualized short-url sign-up service
- Developed majority of the code for the short-url sign-up service for Opower's web portal using Java Spring
- Launched automated FAO site for utility clients in Java Spring, saving 3+ hrs of engineer-time per all future client launches

Palo Alto, CA Facebook

Hardware Test Engineer Intern, Server Team (Open Compute Project)

6/10 - 9/10

- Developed test plan and environments for electrical, memory, and stress-related tests for the 1st generation server design
- Performed analysis on CPU efficiency and memory margin, and discovered a main bug in the memory sticks
- Servers increased 38% in efficiency and decreased 24% in price compared to industry standards

**Hewlett-Packard** Taipei, Taiwan

Research & Development Engineer Intern, Taiwan Design Center

6/09 - 8/09

- Designed the Energy Star 5.0 test plan an international standard for energy efficient consumer products
- Obtained the Energy Star 5.0 Certification; product (Workstation Z200) launched in Feb 2010
- Diagnosed malfunction in idle-state power saving -resulted in 10 watts (20%) of power per computer saved

#### State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook

Stony Brook, NY

Researcher, Department of Materials Science & Engineering

6/07 - 8/08

- Designed a nanoparticle-coating process which increased power output of the PEM fuel cell by 550%
- Presented at Intel Science Talent Search, MIT TechFair, Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, Energy Long Island
- Paper accepted to 2011 International Conference on Advances in Energy Engineering (ICAEE) and Energy Procedia

### SELECTED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## **Stanford Consulting**

Stanford, CA

Project Director & Board Member

9/10 – present

- Led a team of 5 student consultants to work with Google advisors to identify future revenue models for mobile applications
- Led a team of 5 to assist Grupo RBS, 3<sup>rd</sup> largest media company in Brazil, to establish entrepreneurial ecosystem in Brazil
- Worked with a team of 5 to complete a market entry project with a \$1.7B community foundation and an energy efficiency software project with EnerNOC

## **Green Alliance for Innovative Action (GAIA)**

Stanford, CA

Vice Chair

9/11 – present

- Represent the 9 primary sustainability student groups to university administrations, student government executive, Undergraduate Senate, and Graduate Student Council
- Facilitated collaboration among member student groups to host Earth Day events (April 22) and "Art After Dark" (early May)

### Asia-Pacific Student Entrepreneurship Society (ASES)

Stanford, CA

Strategy & Development Director

9/08 - 6/11

- Increased corporate sponsorship by 3 times from previous year (\$2,000 to \$6,000)
- Collaborated with Stanford Career Development Center to host startup career fair, attracting 70+ startups
- Directed the inaugural high school entrepreneurship conference "Be a CEO by 21"

## **SKILLS**

Computer Skills: Java, C, C++, C#; SQL; XML; HTML; Ruby, Rails; Matlab; Verilog

Language Skills: Native proficiency in Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese (Southern-Min Chinese)