

# KYLE W. HERSHEY

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## Education:

Bachelor of Arts, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, May 2013

GPA: 3.927

Majors: Physics, Computer Science and Mathematics

## Relevant Coursework:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| -General Physics I and II       | -Foundations of Advanced Math         |
| -Modern Physics                 | -Linear Algebra                       |
| -Electromagnetism               | -Modern Algebra                       |
| -Quantum Mechanics              | -Graph Theory                         |
| -Material Physics and Chemistry | -Set Theory and Topology              |
| -Mechanics                      | -Discrete Mathematics                 |
| -Computer Science I and II      | -Differential Equations               |
| -Networks                       | -Data Structures                      |
| -Operating Systems              | -Advanced Object Oriented Programming |

## Honors:

- Eagle Scout
- ACM ICPC (International Programming Competition), Regional competition site winners '11, '12
- Dean's List, Coe College
- Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honors Society

## Research Experience:

Summer Research, Northwestern University Material Science Department, Evanston, IL

June 2012-August 2012

*Field Enhancement Due to Plasmonic Nanostructures*

- Mentor: Montacer Dridi, Graduate student, Northwestern University Chemistry
- PI: Dr. George Schatz, Northwestern University Chemistry
- Computational simulation of Electromagnetic Field enhancement near the surface of Gold cylindrical dimers
- Finite-Difference Time Domain method simulation in a Yee lattice
- Constant Transverse Wavenumber Spectral FDTD with Periodic Boundary Conditions
- Cluster computing on Northwestern's [High Performance Computing System - Quest](#)
- Software used: Fedora, Matlab, Emacs, Moab Cluster Suite, SSH, SCP

Rockwell Collins Internship, Rockwell Collins, Inc. Advanced Technology Center, Microelectronics Packaging Unit, Cedar Rapids, IA

June 2011-August 2011

*Microelectronics die attach process development*

- Mentor: Guy Smith, Sr. Mechanical Engineer, Rockwell Collins, Inc.
- Experience with: class 10000 clean room, chip bonder, wire bonding, stub bumping, plating baths, TLP bonding, AuSn Eutectic bonding, solder bumping, BGA attachment, cross sectional die analysis
- Wrote working papers on No Clean microelectronics die attachment and Transient Liquid Phase bonding

Summer Research, Coe College Physics Department, Cedar Rapids, IA  
June 2010-August 2010

*Effects of Pipe Wall Vibrations on the Sound of a Free-Reed Wind Instrument*

- Mentor: Dr. James Cottingham, Physics Department, Coe College
- Examined the effects of the vibrations in the pipe walls of free-reed wind instruments.
- Material measurements of Density and Young's Modulus of the bamboo pipes
- Equipment used: Fourier transform spectrum analyzer, Frequency generator, Energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy with Scanning electron microscope
- Theoretical Modeling with Matlab and Mathematica
- Presented results of our material property measurements of bamboo at the Acoustics Society of America's National Meeting in Seattle, May 2011

May Term Research, Coe College Physics Department, Cedar Rapids, IA, May 2010

*Glass Research on Borate Glasses*

- Mentor: Dr. Steve Feller, Physics Department, Coe College
- Worked with other students to research the structures of borate glasses
- Equipment used: Pycnometer, Differential scanning calorimeter, Scanning electron microscope, Laser levitator, Raman spectrometer, X-ray diffractometer

**Conferences and Presentations:**

- Sigma Pi Sigma Quadrennial Physics Congress 2012, poster presentation, Orlando, FL
- 161st Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Presenter, Seattle, WA, May 2011
- All-Iowa Glass Conference, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, August 2010
- Midwest Undergraduate Mathematics Symposium, Simpson College, Indianola, IA, April 2010

**Computer skills:**

Microsoft Office Suite  
Matlab  
AutoCAD  
SSH  
Vim

Mathematica  
Autodesk Inventor  
Linux  
SCP  
Emacs

**Programming Languages:**

C/C++  
LaTeX

C#  
Shell Scripting

**Leadership and Activities:**

- Society of Physics Students Chapter president '12-'13
- Coe Physics Club Treasurer '11-'12 Vice President '12-'13
- Coe College Math Club
- DAR, *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois: A bicentennial Project of the Illinois State Geneological Society*, parsed book for updated index (revised book not yet published). 2012
- Math Help Room Supervisor, Coe College 2012
- Tutor for the Academic Achievement Program (Math, Physics, Computer Science)
- William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition
- Murray Hall Board of Directors