

## EDUCATION

### South Dakota State University (SDSU)

August. 2021 - Present

Brookings, SD.

*BS in Physics and BS in Computer Science*

**Expected Graduation: Spring 2026**

## Awards and Recognitions

- Outstanding student achievement in research, URSCAD – spring 2022, spring 2024
- Outstanding First year as Residential Assistant

## Publications/Abstracts

- Parashu Kharel, Gavin Baker, **Manish Neupane** and Tula R Paudel, Investigation of MnBi-based Composite Magnets, *2023 APS March meeting abstract*.
- Parashu Kharel, Paul White, Gavin Baker, **Manish Neupane** and Tula R Paudel, Improving MnAl tetragonal phase stability through doping elements, *2024 APS March meeting abstract*.

## Presentations

- **Manish Neupane**, Parashu Kharel, Matthew Flesche, and Tula R. Paudel, Investigation of MnX(X=Bi, Ga)-based composite magnets, URSCAD, SDSU, 2022. Poster Presentation.
- **Manish Neupane**, Gavin Baker, Tula R Paudel, and Parashu Kharel, Development of Manganese-based Exchange Coupled Magnets, URSCAD, SDSU, 2024. Poster Presentation.

## Technical Skills & Professional Interests

- **Programming & Software:** Python, C++ (used for autonomous system optimization), MATLAB, Origin (data analysis & visualization), Version Control (Git)
- **Instrumentation & Laboratory Techniques:** Oscilloscope, Multimeter, Voltmeter, X-ray Diffraction (XRD), Magnetometer, Arc Melter, Annealing, Sample Synthesis
- **Research & Analysis:** Experimental Design, Data Analysis (Graphical & Statistical Methods), Crystal Structure Analysis, Magnetic Property Measurement
- **Robotics & Systems:** Hardware Troubleshooting (sensors, motors, batteries), Firmware Updates, Autonomous System Optimization

## Work Experience

### Daktronics

May. 2024 –Present

*Internship- Product Assembly*

Brookings, SD

- Assembled electronic components for 100+ units per week, using oscilloscopes, multimeters, and soldering irons to ensure quality, reducing defects by 10% through proactive inspections.
- Analyzed assembly data using statistical methods, providing insights that improved production efficiency by 20% and influenced project direction.
- Diagnosed and resolved hardware issues, implementing solutions that enhanced product reliability in a high-volume manufacturing environment.

### South Dakota State University

Aug. 2021 –Present

*Undergraduate Research Assistant*

Brookings, SD

- Conducted research on MnBi-based composite magnets, analyzing crystal structures and magnetic properties using X-ray Diffraction (XRD), VersaLab magnetometer, and annealing techniques, contributing to advancements in sustainable material technologies for energy applications.
- Analyzed experimental data with Origin software, applying graphical and statistical methods to provide insights that improved project outcomes by 15%, influencing direction for battery and motor material development.

- Collaborated with a team of 5 researchers to design experiments, troubleshoot methodologies, and present findings at APS March meetings (2023, 2024), effectively communicating complex data to diverse audiences.

**Society of Physics Students**

*Secretary and Tutor*

**January 2022 – Present**

*Brookings, SD*

- Tutored 20+ undergraduate students per semester in physics courses (e.g., Quantum Mechanics, Electrodynamics), improving student grades by an average of 10%.
- Organized department events and guest lectures, increasing student engagement in physics-related activities by 25%.
- Demonstrated leadership by designing study plans to address diverse learning needs, fostering academic success.

**Starship Technologies**

*Fleet Attendant*

**January 2022 – May 2023**

*Brookings, SD*

- Managed a fleet of 10 autonomous food delivery robots at SDSU, optimizing operations to improve efficiency and user satisfaction by 15%.
- Performed hardware maintenance, troubleshooting sensors, motors, batteries, cameras, and GPS modules, ensuring 98% uptime for the robot fleet.
- Executed software maintenance using Python, including firmware updates and code modifications to resolve connectivity issues, enhancing system performance for real-time autonomous operations.

**South Dakota State University**

*Residential Assistant*

**January 2022 – May 2022**

*Brookings, SD*

- Supported a residential community of 50+ students within one of SDSU's 14 residential halls, fostering an inclusive and collaborative environment to enhance student well-being and academic success.
- Organized and facilitated 10+ community-building events per semester, including study groups, cultural celebrations, and wellness workshops, increasing resident engagement by 30%.
- Mediated conflicts and addressed resident concerns, resolving 90% of issues through active listening and strategic problem-solving, ensuring a safe and supportive living environment.