

# NADRA-CLAIRE ASSAD

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## Education

### University of Houston

Aug. 2023–May 2027

*Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering*

*Houston, Texas*

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship** — Awarded \$2,000/year for outstanding academic performance.

## Relevant Coursework

- Electronics
- Signals and Systems
- Applied Electromagnetics
- Digital Logic Design
- Programming Applications
- Differential Equations

## Experience

### Children's Museum Houston

May–August 2024

*ExxonMobil Summer STEM Intern*

*Houston, Texas*

- Assisted in leading electronics and 3D-printing workshops requiring soldering PCB boards and debugging Arduinos.
- Built physics exhibits, including a large lemon-powered battery array that powered a handheld game console.
- Proposed new electricity and magnetism activities and researched devices for future STEM workshops.

## Projects

### USB-C LED Keychain PCB | *KiCad, PCB Layout*

Sep 2025

- Designed a compact PCB with a USB-C connector powering an onboard LED, including schematic capture, footprint assignment, and basic trace routing in KiCad.

### Three Octave Electric Keyboard with Metronome and Note Display | *Electronics, Microcontroller* Sep–Nov 2025

- Designed and built a three-octave keyboard with accurate tone generation, octave switching, and LED note display.
- Implemented sustain and soften pedal functions, adjustable volume control, and precise 0.5s/0.25s note timing.
- Created a BPM-adjustable metronome with a potentiometer interface and integrated real-time BPM display.

### Battery Internal Resistance Measurement | *Circuit Analysis, Instrumentation*

Sep 2023–May 2024

- Measured internal resistance of four AA batteries using a  $1\ \Omega$  load and recorded voltage and current.
- Used an Agilent 34405A  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -digit multimeter to collect open-circuit and load-voltage data for each battery.
- Compared internal resistance of alkaline and lithium-ion batteries by analyzing their Thevenin equivalent behavior.

### Impact of Extreme Temperature Cooling on Semiconductor Wavelength Emission | *Arduino* Mar–May 2023

- Developed and presented a poster on semiconductor wavelength emission to Harvard and MIT PhD students.
- Built and operated a custom Arduino-driven red-laser setup and submerged LEDs in liquid nitrogen for testing.
- Analyzed wavelength shifts, observing major color changes in warm-tone LEDs while cool-tone LEDs remained stable.

## Technical Skills

**Programming:** Python, C

**Hardware/Tools:** Arduino, KiCad, Oscilloscopes, DMMs, Soldering

**Software:** VS Code, MATLAB, AutoCAD, Tinkercad, LaTeX

## Extracurricular

### Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

Fall 2023–Present

*Member*

*University of Houston*

### Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Fall 2023–Present

*Member*

*University of Houston*