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EDUCATION

Stevens Institute of Technology | Hoboken, NJ

Master of Engineering - Applied Artificial Intelligence, Computer Eng Concentration Bachelor of Engineering - Mechanical Engineering, Robotics Concentration Expected Dec 2025 Expected May 2025

Coursework: Field Sustainable Systems with Sensors (LiDAR, Thermistor, Barometric Pressure), Circuits and Systems, Thermal Engineering, Fluid Mechanics, Mechatronics, Autonomous Robotics, Python Programming

WORK EXPERIENCE

SIT Prototype Object Fabrication (ProOF) lab, Robotics Engineer Intern | Hoboken, NJ

May 2024 - Present

- Developed isoparametric mapping algorithm of the robot workspace using **OpenCV** and **ComputerVision**
- Programmed a Path Planning Algorithm for Automatic Fiber Placement on a 2D surface using Python
- Developing a virtual testing environment for DOOSAN H2515 collaborative robot using MATLAB and ROS 2
 resulting in more time effective lab operations

Charter Machine Company, Mechanical Engineer Intern | Metuchen, NJ

Jan 2023 - Jul 2023

- Designed brackets, support frames, and pneumatic components in **Autodesk Inventor** and performed **FEA**, and produced fabrication drawings aligning to **DFMA** principles
- Optimized the **hydraulic system** to facilitate flow control and pressure control simultaneously, reducing the manufacturing cost by **15**% per project
- Produced over **200 assembly drawings** of the belt press machines with appropriate **GD&T** and **co-authored Operation Manuals** with Senior Engineers
- Conducted **field visits** to the assembly facility to assist with **fabrication operations**

Spartificial, AI Intern | Hoboken, NJ (Remote)

Jun 2022 - Aug 2022

- Developed detailed analysis on the image datasets of the surface of the moon with an objective to categorize safe landing surfaces for spacecrafts by performing **image processing using TensorFlow and OpenCV with Python**
- Led a team of 6 students to develop, test and validate the algorithm; delegated team operations
- Presented the final project to a panel of astrophysicists and achieved 93% accuracy rating

ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Soft Exosuit for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SESMA 3.0), ME Capstone

Jul 2024 - Present

- Develop control algorithms in C/C++ on Seeeduino 4.3 that interpret sensor data and dynamically adjust motor assistance during the sit-to-stand motion
- Develop algorithms to integrate **sensors (force-sensing resistors, accelerometer, rotary encoder)** for real-time monitoring of the user's position, optimizing motor control and power usage

Stevens Ankle-Foot Electromechanical (SAFE) orthosis, ProOF Lab Assistant

May 2024 - Present

- Developed and refined 3D CAD models for functional prototype iterations in **Artec 3D software**, actively managing prototype-to-production processes to ensure timely delivery
- Handle manufacturing and assembly of PLA-CF prototypes of powered ankle-foot orthoses (AFO) controller
- Assist with **torque and failure testing**, generate **structural analysis** and study the prototype to facilitate further improvements in product durability

SKILLS

Mechanical: AutoCAD, SolidWorks, ANSYS, Creo, LabVIEW, 3D Printing, DFMA, GD&T, Artec 3D, Six Sigma **Programming**: Arduino, C++, Python, MATLAB, ROS, Open3D

LEADERSHIP

Chi Phi Fraternity (President), Society of Physics Students (Secretary)