# Ethan J. Meister

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#### **EDUCATION**

The Ohio State University

Aug 2015 — May 2020 Columbus, OH

Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Capstone: Designed, developed, and prototyped motorized finger that utilizes layer jamming variable stiffness

technology, for use in a prosthetic hand

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## F.E. Moran Fire Protection of Northern Illinois

Dec 2020 — Present Northbrook, Illinois

Fire Protection System Designer, Engineering Department

- Designed and planned the implementation of fire protection systems, including both new installations and modifications to preexisting systems
- Collaborated with salesmen, general contractors, and the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) to determine the scope of work and any constraints on the system design
- Determined additional system constraints by consulting construction drawings, surveying the site, and identifying applicable codes
- Created system designs that optimized for the predetermined, often-competing constraints, including cost, time to implement, system performance, material availability, code adherence, and aesthetics
- Verified system effectiveness using hydraulic calculations, allowing for iterative improvement of the system design for further constraint optimization
- Drafted technical drawings for AHJ approval and to guide the foreman in installation

**IDEAL Industries** 

May 2018 — Aug 2019 Sycamore, Illinois

Research and Development Engineering Intern

- Researched the combination of cast Austempered Ductile Iron (ADI) and rapid tooling with 3D-printed sand molds, evaluating their potential to reduce cost of production and changeover time for low-volume products
- Worked with external companies to order ADI prototypes, performing both in-house tests on specimens and arranging independent external material testing
- Managed the Rapid Prototyping lab, which involved working with both SLA and FDM printers and directing a second intern to help in maintaining and troubleshooting operations
- Coordinated the fulfillment of orders from engineers, which often required modifying files and printer settings, working with engineers to fix unprintable elements, determining the acceptable trade-off in quality for reduction in print time, and reorganizing the print schedules based on shifting priorities
- Created a novel testing method to measure accuracy of spirit levels on which standard methods were infeasible, documenting this process in a test plan; additionally followed industry standard tool tests for accuracy and durability of tape measures and levels, strength of screwdrivers, and UV fade resistance of level vials

UGN, Inc. Jun 2017 — Aug 2017 **Process Engineering Intern** Tinley Park, Illinois

- Project lead on evaluating the incorporation of downstream materials into a vertically integrated process
- Analyzed potential optimizations for materials, labor, floor space, and shipping and storage logistics
- Collaborated with employees across each of UGN's five plants to collect the data necessary to evaluate prospective modifications to production
- Collected and analyzed quality control data due to high levels of out-of-spec parts being produced; determined and documented the various modes of failure

# SKILLS AND DISTINCTIONS

Software SOLIDWORKS (Dassault Systèmes Associate Certification for Mechanical Design), HSM CAM, ANSYS, Workbench,

AutoCAD, HydraCAD, HydraCALC, Navisworks Manage (BIM), MATLAB, Simulink, Autodesk Inventor, Arduino

GD&T, Tormach CNC machine, Bridgeport mill, SLA 3D Printer, FDM 3D Printer, Lathe, Plastic Injection Molding, **Technical** 

Robotic Arm Control, Design for Manufacturing, Technical Writing, Basic Auto Repair & Maintenance

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

• Division 1 NCAA Athlete, The Ohio State Men's Gymnastics Team

• President, The Ohio State Club Gymnastics Team

Logistics Coordinator & Social Chair, The Ohio State Club Gymnastics Team

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