

# VATSAL SHAH

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## EDUCATION

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### MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

*Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Major in Design and Manufacturing*

*Houghton, MI*

*Sep 2018 – May 2020*

- Cumulative GPA: 3.85/4.0
- Indian Students Association (Board Member), Leaders in Continuous Improvement (Member)

### JAIN UNIVERSITY

*Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering*

*Bengaluru, INDIA*

*Aug 2012 – Jun 2016*

- Cumulative GPA: 8.54/10.0;
- Ranked Top 6 (out of 98 students)

## EXPERIENCE

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### SEAGRAVE FIRE APPARATUS (*Emergency Vehicles Manufacturing*)

*Manufacturing Engineering Co-op, Process Improvement*

*Clintonville, WI*

*Jan 2020 – Aug 2020*

- Designed a template for affixing logo on front grill, leading to 75% reduction in grill assembly time and saving money by due to reduction in scrap.
- Designing fixtures for robotic weld using SolidWorks, transferring 300 hrs of manual welding time to Robotic Weld.
- Daily accounting of all scrap produced and implementing Root Cause Analysis to reduce scrap parts produced by implementing process improvements.
- Implementing Root cause analysis to identify delay in production and assembly using time studies of each station.
- Automated Datasheet for analysis and calculation of DART Incidents, TRIR Incidents using MS Excel.
- Redesign and relocate the location of Gas Cylinder storage area using AutoCAD for easy handling and quick movement of gas cylinders to and from all welding stations.

### MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

*Teaching Assistant, Physics Department*

*Houghton, MI*

*Aug 2019 – Dec 2019*

- Handle class of 18 undergrad students to conduct Physics Lab.
- Gave a basic introduction to the experiment being conducted and answered all queries in class.

### COGNIZANT (*Consultation Firm*)

*Design Engineer, Engineering Department.*

*Mumbai, INDIA*

*Jul 2016 – Mar 2018*

- Worked in team of 4 members for Design Improvements and Cost Reduction.
- Update 3D Solid models of solid and sheet metal applications based on old drawing files using CATIA and SolidWorks.
- Implemented and suggested design modification based on CAE analysis using ANSYS.
- Acted as Team Leader for 4 months, looking over all operations and training new hires about the process flow and basics in CAE.
- Assisted Team Supervisor during communication with clients.
- Worked with collaboration of multi-disciplined team of Industrial Engineers, Manufacturing Engineers.

## ACADEMIC PROJECTS

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### Additive Manufacturing

*Michigan Technological University*

*Houghton, MI*

*Jan 2019 – Apr 2019*

- Designed Single Cylinder Air Powered Balloon Car and manufactured using Additive Printing.
- Tools Used: SolidWorks, Ink-Jet 3D Printer.

### **Improvement of Paper Airplane Manufacturing Process Simulation**

*Michigan Technological University*

**Houghton, MI**

*Jan 2019 – Apr 2019*

- Lead a team of 5 members and Implemented Kaizen and pull system on mass production simulation of paper airplanes to reduce the lead time by 53%.
- Lean Tools implemented: Visual Control, Visual Stream Mapping, Poka-Yoke, Line Balancing, Standardized Work Documents, and One-Piece Flow.

### **Experimental Validation of Octet Truss Lattice (Ti-6Al-4V)**

*Michigan Technological University*

**Houghton, MI**

*Nov 2018 – May 2019*

- Designed Unit cell of Octet Truss Lattice in Catia V5 using known data.
- Successfully achieved 74% accuracy for results obtained from simulation of compression test carried out by Dr. V Deshpande on Octet Truss using Abaqus.

### **Elastic FEA analysis of a double edge notched specimen**

*Michigan Technological University*

**Houghton, MI**

*Jan 2019 – Mar 2019*

- Compare the stress intensity factor results for a given specimen using FEA and compare with theoretical results.
- Obtained 98% accurate results by comparing obtained data to theoretical results by using Solidworks and Abaqus

### **Tribological Evaluation of Grease**

*Indian Institute of Science*

**Bengaluru, INDIA**

*Jan 2015 – Mar 2016*

- Compared data on Wear Scar diameter and Coefficient of Friction of 3 Vegetable and 3 Petroleum oil-based grease samples by subjecting them to 4-Ball Tester.
- Achieved physical properties of vegetable-based oil grease similar to petroleum-based oil grease thereby obtaining eco-friendly substitute.

### **2-Directional Torch with 3D**

*IAM3D Challenge (ASME)*

**Bengaluru, INDIA**

*Feb 2015 – Jul 2015*

- As team lead of three-person team, laid out path for project from design to submission of proposal for this competition.
- Worked as a team to research on the product, brainstorming for alternate design and finally prototyping the final product.
- Tools used – CATIA V5, 3D Printer (3DINNOVATIONS)

## **SKILLS**

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**CAD/CAE:** SolidWorks, Siemens NX, CATIA V5, AutoCAD, Autodesk Inventor, Abaqus, ANSYS.

**Manufacturing:** 5S, Lean Manufacturing, Kanban, Time Studies, Visual Stream Mapping, CNC Programming (Siemens and Fanuc, G M Code), Metrology.

**Software:** MS Office, Intermediate level Excel, C Programming, SQL, MATLAB, Minitab.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Lean Six Sigma Green Belt – Management and Strategy Institute**

**IAM3D Challenge Finalist – ASME (2015)**

**Production Engineering – Indian Machine Tools and Manufacturers Association**

**ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System – Udemy**

**GD&T and Stack-Up (Basic to Expert Level) – Udemy**