Elizabeth Poss

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Education

Harvey Mudd College (HMC) Claremont, CA Bachelor of Science Engineering, GPA: 3.2 Expected May 2019

Relevant Coursework

Experimental Engineering | Advanced Systems Engineering | Microprocessor Systems Design Engineering Mathematics | Biostatistics | Advanced Latin | Autonomous Vehicles

Skills

Software: Matlab, SystemVerilog, Python, Java, Racket, R, Arduino, Solidworks, Microsoft Office

Tools: Scanning Electron Microscope, PCB Design, Lathe, Mill, Soldering Iron and SMD Soldering, Oscilloscope,

Sterile Cell Culture

Languages: Latin reading and writing (proficient)

Research Experience

Engman Lab Cornea Project, Harvey Mudd College

Spring 2016 - present

- Used electrospinning to create collagen nanofibers mimicking corneal structure. Normalized fiber diameter of nanofibers of different composition, investigating effect of extracellular matrix on cell protein expression.
- Presented work at the European Chapter Meeting of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, Davos Switzerland, June 2017

Project Experience at HMC

Weather Controlled Cloud Light

Fall 2017 - present

- In progress. Designed a system utilizing a Raspberry Pi and FPGA to control LEDs over SPI.
- Accesses weather API data to let the cloud-shaped light mimic weather patterns, hosts a web server to take user commands. Work will continue past an initial prototype for design of a consumer product.

Engineering Design and Manufacturing Proctor

Fall 2016 - Fall 2017

- Designed two labs exposing students to prototyping methods and mathematical modeling.
- Assembled, calibrated, and developed student exercises for a Stereolithography printer, Sherline Mill, and 3D Scanner.

Autonomous Underwater Vehicle

Spring 2017

• Worked in a team of 4 to design, build, and test an underwater AUV which measured changes in ocean temperature based on time of day, depth, and tides.

Sleep Deprivation Buddy

Fall 2016

- Competed in a hackathon with a team of 4 to design, build, and calibrate an interactive desk pet. Accepted user and environmental inputs, with pet health dependent on ambient light, encouraging healthy sleep habits.
- The project won second within the hackathon and was featured in the LA Times.

Semi-Autonomous Soccer Field Layout Aid

Spring 2016

• Worked in a team of 3 to create an Arduino based system mounted on existing layout devices to track location and direct the user, significantly minimizing the time necessary for the task.

Activities

President, Mudd Makerspace

Spring 2016 - present

- Reviewed and re-developed safety and management policies for the space.
- Developing workshops and events, advertise and promote the Makerspace. Facilitate individuals' projects.

Organizer, Muddhacks (HMC Hardware Hackathon)

Fall 2017 - present

- Facilitated logistics and organization. Aided teams in parts selection and hardware design decisions.
- Contacted sponsors, organized judging and mentoring team of industry professionals.