

THOMAS CHESTER

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EDUCATION

Arizona State University
Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering
B.S.E. Mechanical Engineering

Expected Graduation: May 2019

GPA: 3.3 out of 4.0

Dean's List Spring 2017

EXPERIENCE

Masten Space Systems

Fall 2017

Engineering Intern - Mojave, CA

- Gimbal development and analysis for the Broadsword 25,000lbf 3D-Printed methalox dual expander cycle engine
- Ground Support for test operations such as Broadsword hot fire campaigns and Xodiac flights with duties including cryogenic propellant loading, test equipment build and setup, data analysis, and range safety
- Test stand development for an electronic pump motor cooling system using liquid Nitrogen and a heat exchanger
- In-house software development for test data analysis and gimbal design

Orbital ATK

Summer 2017

Senior Engineering Intern - Promontory, UT

- Materials & Processes Design Engineering department in the Propulsion Systems Division: solid rocket booster development for NASA's Space Launch System
- Developed and tested the propellant liner and insulation system's relevant properties and characteristics
- Material characterization and analysis, engineering test plans & reports, Digital Image Correlation and Structured Light work, engineering test performance & evaluation, and solid modeling in NX

Qualastat Electronics

Summer 2016

Intern - Chandler, AZ

- Strength tested fiber optic cables, used SolidWorks to design and 3D print cable bend outlines, assisted in the optimization of the manufacturing process, and learned the mechanical design aspect of the cables

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Daedalus Astronautics ASU

August 2014 - Present

Liquids Team Lead

- Leading a team on the design and build of a liquid rocket engine capable of hot fire test operations by Spring 2018
- Formerly led a team of 8 members on different projects focused on the testing and development of solid propellant
- Organized and led propellant strand burning and mixing in preparation for live static test fires
- Participated in multiple team-built competition rocket launches and hybrid engine research projects

Fulton Undergraduate Research Initiative

August 2016 - May 2017

Undergraduate Researcher

- University-sponsored research project focused on developing a sounding rocket to record data on fin flutter in order to determine the ideal fin geometry for reducing flutter
- Worked alongside Daedalus Astronautics to develop experimental rocket motors for the test flights

SKILLS

Software/Languages

MATLAB, NX, SolidWorks, Python, ANSYS, Excel VBA, HTML5

Hand Tools/Machine Shop

Mill, lathe, 3D printing, laser cutting, band saw, welding, soldering