# **Tyler Gester**

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#### **Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
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• The University of Alabama Honors College, Tuscaloosa AL

Minor: Mathematics GPA: 4.0/4.0

# **Computer Languages / Tools:**

Java, C++, Python, VBA, Assembly (PIC 24/Atmega), Matlab/Simulink, SolidWorks, Linux development tools, and ROS

## **Research Experience:**

Senior Design (2016 – present)

Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science

- o Modified kids' electric vehicle controls for disabled child who has no long bones in his arms or legs
- o Interfaced controls with Arduino and Sabretooth motor controller
- Programmed WiFi-based, remote-control website to work with any smartphone using ESP-8266
- Undergraduate Researcher at The University of Alabama
  - Distributed Autonomy Lab (2015 present)
    - Designed and fabricated long-term underwater node to monitor river water temperature and depth
    - Integrated water temperature and pressure sensors with Arduino
  - Engines Lab (2015 present)
    - Selected and designed butterfly injector test stand
    - Designed control system for test stand
- Alabama Astrobotics Team Member (2014 present)

NASA Robotic Mining Competition (RMC) and NASA Centennial Challenge

- o Provided critical design direction for the autonomy subsystem
- Performed structural and force analysis on the mechanical base in SolidWorks
- Won first place in national RMC competition (2015 and 2016)
- o Passed Level 1 and competed in Level 2 of NASA Sample Return Centennial Challenge (2016)
- Mentored students at University Place Elementary School

## **Work Experience:**

• Intern at Hexagon — Intergraph (Summer 2016)

**Department: Security Systems** 

- Integrated ROS with proprietary API
- Researched and developed demo for machine learning algorithm in Python
- Co-Op at Southern Company (Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Summer 2015)

Department: Engineering and Construction Services, Mechanical Design

- Designed piping systems for power plants
- Conducted engineering piping system inspections

#### Awards:

- Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, and Pi Tau Sigma Honors Societies
- The University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship
- The University of Alabama College of Engineering Scholarship

#### **Activities:**

- Varsity member of Alabama Crew (2012 2013)
- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow, Triple Crown
- Flying (private pilot license since age 17, currently managing partner of RV-6A experimental airplane)
- Hiking