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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, MSE in Scientific Computing (May 2026) Haverford College, B.S. in Physics (May 2025)

GPA: 3.8

Relevant Coursework: Computer Vision, Applied ML, Big Data, Design of Mechatronic Systems, Advanced E&M, Statistical Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Math Modelling in Sustainability

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Research Assistant to Professor Mark Yim (Ph.D Stanford, GRASPLab)

Jan 2025 - May 2025

• **Engineering** a lightweight, voice-controlled video recording system mountable on surgical loupes, enabling sterile operation and real-time live streaming to OR monitors.

Haverford College Haverford, PA

Research Assistant to Professor Dan Grin (NSF PostDoc Fellow, Ph.D Caltech) May 2022 - Oct 2024

 Assessed the validity of axions as potential dark matter candidates through research into the kinetic Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect

Research Assistant to Professor Ted Brzinski (Ph.D UPenn, SquishLab)

Oct 2024 - May 2025

• **Developing** an experimental setup to analyze internal stress patterns in a quasi-2D jammed granular packing of photoelastic disks.

Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology

Indore, India

Research Assistant to Dr. Manoj S. (Scientist, Dept. of Atomic Energy, Govt of India) June - August 2023

- Researched distributed temperature sensing using Raman Scattering in Fiber Optics.
- Aided in installing the technology as a fire detection measure in an Indian Navy aircraft carrier.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Tsalla Aerospace *Embedded Systems and Fabrication Intern*

Bangalore, India
May - August 2024

- Redesigned landing gear, replacing friction fit with a magnet-based coupling system to improve impact resistance and reduce replacement costs
- **Developed** position-hold system for drones in GPS-denied environments.

Maker Arts Space

Haverford, PA

Space Cadet

May 2022 - May 2025

- **Trained** to operate laser cutters, 3D scanners, 3D printers, CNC machines, and complementary software such as Fusion360, SolidWorks, and Adobe Illustrator.
- Tutored students to use the 3D printer, soldering irons, and program microcontrollers

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULARS

Saksham - Volunteer Strawbridge Observatory - Volunteer Varsity Athlete, Track team, Haverford College 2017 - May 2025

May 2021 - May 2025

May 2022 - May 2025