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EDUCATION

Rice University, George R. Brown School of Engineering and Computing

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

with Minor in Engineering Design

Relevant Coursework: Digital Design, Program Design, Engineering Design, Signals & Systems

Houston, TX

Expected May 2028 GPA: 3.97/4.00

SKILLS

Programming Languages C++, Python, MATLAB, Verilog

ComputerSoftware SolidWorks, OnShape, KiCAD, Altium, Microsoft Office

Languages & Soft Skills English, Mandarin, Communication, Teamwork, Problem-Solving

PROJECTS

Navigation Assist Device for Blind Dogs

Team Kunde's Friends, Rice University

Aug. 2024 – May 2025

- Engineered a wearable navigation vest for a blind dog Kunde, enhancing safety and interaction by minimizing collisions and overcoming limitations of traditional solutions.
- Executed full-cycle prototype development with Arduino Nano, from circuit design and embedded programming to soldering and assembly.
- Designed a vibration motor control PCB in KiCAD and developed its software interface, achieving reliable hardware–software integration.
- Featured in Rice News, MSN, Axios, and other news outlets for innovative contribution to pet disability accessibility aids.

Noise Pollution Tracking Camera System

May 2022 - Feb. 2024

Academia Sinica, Taiwan

- Built a Python-based camera system utilizing audio localization, enabling automatic sound-source detection with low-cost hardware.
- Implemented YOLO object detection algorithms to automatically identify noise pollutants, improving accuracy and eliminating time-intensive manual processes.
- Finalist at Taiwan International Science Fair 2024.

NaviGlance Indoor Navigator

Team NaviGlance, HackRice 14

Sept. 2024

- Developed a functional indoor navigation application within 36 hours, enabling users to seamlessly locate specific rooms or events.
- Constructed graph representation of building floor plan.
- Implemented user authentication in Python with auth0.
- Designed application interface with Figma.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Researcher *Everitt Lab, Rice University*

Houston, TX

Mar. 2025 – Present

- Performing resolution testing on state-of-the-art imaging THz synthetic aperture radar, achieving millimeter resolution and validating performance.
- Compiled detailed user guide for THz SAR, streamlining onboarding and enabling new researchers to operate complex instrumentation with reduced training time.

COMP 140 Teaching Assistant

Houston, TX

Computer Science Department, Rice University

Aug 2025 - Present

• Support 250+ students in Rice COMP 140, clarifying core programming concepts during office hours to enhance understanding, problem-solving, and overall course performance.

Machine Learning Intern

Remote

Industrial Technology Research Institute, Taiwan

Aug 2023 - Sep 2023

Automated image label reformatting in Python and managed quality control for a 3,000+ image training dataset, improving
efficiency and dataset reliability.