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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis

McKelvey School of Engineering

Bachelors of Science in Computer Engineering & Electrical Engineering

Minor in Mechanical Engineering

Cumulative GPA: 3.89 / 4.0

5x Dean's List

Expected Graduation: May 2027

St. Louis, MO

August 2023 ~ present

Relevant Coursework: Engineering Design, Electrical & Electronic Circuits, Electricity & Magnetism, Digital Logic & Computer Design, Computer Architecture, Linear Algebra & Component Analysis, Probability & Statistics, Differential Equations, Vector Calculus & Dynamics of Physical Systems, Data Structures & Algorithms, Systems Software, Statics, Solid Mechanics, Technical Writing

SKILLS

- *General-Use Software:* Microsoft Office Suite/365, NI Multisim, Altium Designer, PSpice, LTspice, Autodesk Fusion 360
- *Programming & Markup Languages:* Python, Java, C, C++, MATLAB, LaTeX, R, HTML, XML
- *Hardware Description & Low-Level Languages:* SystemVerilog, Assembly (RISC-V, x86_64, AVR)
- *Software Development:* Command Line (Bash, Zsh), Ubuntu Linux, ROS 2 Humble, Vivado, Flask, SQLite, Heroku
- *Embedded Systems & Microcontrollers:* Arduino Uno & Nano, Raspberry Pi 4, NVIDIA Jetson Orin Nano
- *Lab Equipments:* Digital Multimeter, Power Supply, Function Generator, Oscilloscope
- *Languages:* Mandarin (native & fluent), Spanish (intermediate & conversational)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

McKelvey School of Engineering — Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

St. Louis, MO

August 2025 ~ present

- Assist students in CSE 2600: Introduction to Digital Logic & Computer Design
- Hold weekly office hours to provide aid on academic assignments & other learning activities

McKelvey School of Engineering — Department of Electrical & Systems Engineering (ESE)

Undergraduate Recitation Teaching Assistant

St. Louis, MO

August 2025 ~ present

- Assist students in ESE 2300: Introduction to Electrical & Electronic Circuits
- Hold weekly recitation sessions to lead students to solve circuit analysis problems

Kearfott Corporation — Motion Systems Division (MSD)

Electronics Design Engineering Intern

Black Mountain, NC

May ~ August 2025

- Optimized PCAS BLDC motor commutation with A33230 Hall effect sensors
- Implemented hardware rework on motor units to accommodate A33230s
- Developed software in C to reflect hardware changes

McKelvey School of Engineering — Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate Research Assistant

St. Louis, MO

March ~ October 2024

- Simulated ROBOTIS TurtleBot3 via ROS Noetic on Ubuntu 20.04 to test navigation algorithms
- Controlled TurtleBot3 using keyboard teleoperation, arm Python scripts, and gripper GUI

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Future Leaders of McKelvey Engineering (FLOME)

Member

St. Louis, MO

February 2024 ~ May 2025

- Engage in career development activities e.g. discussion of career goals & sharing of career opportunities
- Bond with fellow members to create meaningful relationships and form a community of aspiring engineers

WashU Robotics Club (WURC) Rover Project Team

Software Project Lead

St. Louis, MO

September 2023 ~ March 2025

- Developed robot description, control, & localization packages in ROS 2 Humble using Ubuntu 22.04 with several team members
- Utilized existing open-source software e.g. RViz & Gazebo to implement various tasks e.g. teleoperation & autonomous navigation

Crime & Social Sentiment Analysis Project

Researcher & Programmer

Howard County, MD

January 2022 ~ February 2023

- Extracted crime data from the Howard County Police Department website via Beautiful Soup
- Illustrated visual data through charts & graphs
- Displayed on a website via Flask deployed through Heroku for the audience to deduce trends

Redistricting & Gerrymandering Research Project

Researcher

Howard County, MD

June ~ November 2021

- Reorganized & redrew the boundaries of Maryland's 8 congressional districts using Dave's Redistricting App
- Removed old district shapes & created new districts based on roughly equal population, racial, & ethnic distribution