GABRIEL BENEL

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Education

Cornell University, College of Engineering, Ithaca, NY

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Masters of Engineering, 2003
Focus on Dynamics and Control

Bachelors of Science, 2002

GPA: 3.4

- Dean's List Fall 1998, Spring 1998, Fall 1999, Spring 2001
- Elected to Pi Tau Sigma, National Mechanical Engineering Honors Society October 2000

Relevant Courses

Finite Element Analysis; Feedback Control; Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos; System Dynamics; GPS Systems; Automotive Engineering; Robot Dynamics, Control, and Design; Intermediate Dynamics; Aeronautics; Heat Transfer; Fluid Mechanics; Thermodynamics; Fluids and Heat Transfer Lab; Properties and Processing of Materials; Mechanical Design and Synthesis; Probability and Statistics

Engineering Experience

BROOKLYN MACHINE WORKS - BROOKLYN, NY

December 2003 - Present

- Manufactured components for high end, custom downhill mountain bicycles.
- Created CAD models of mountain bike stems for production.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY - ITHACA, NY

August 2002 - May 2003

Teaching Assistant

- Assisted professor in administration of a senior mechanical engineering design seminar.
- Delivered lecture on the mechanical design process to 100 mechanical engineering seniors.
- Instructed sophomore engineers in mechanical properties and processing of materials.
- Conducted twice-weekly laboratory sessions in material properties.

CORNELL MICRO AIR VEHICLE (MAV) TEAM - ITHACA, NY

Fall 2001

Researched, designed, and constructed unique flapping wing models for MAV applications.

CORNELL MOONBUGGY TEAM - ITHACA, NY

Fall 2000 – Spring 2001

Suspension Team Leader

• Responsible for designing and fabricating suspension system for two person, human powered buggy for NASA competition. The buggy placed second nationwide in 2002.

FLUID DYNAMICS RESEARCH LABORATORIES - CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Spring 200

• Received Cornell Alumni Scholarship to work with Professor Charles Williamson studying vortex induced vibrations.

CORNELL RIGID AIRFOIL TEAM (RAFT) – ITHACA, NY

Fall 1999 – Spring 2000

• Constructed wing sections and assembled composite pieces for asymmetrical airfoil designed to replace traditional cloth sails.

Other Experience

CAYUGA HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT – ITHACA. NY

September 2000 – June 2003

Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician

- Provided fire response, rescue and extrication, and emergency medical care.
- Participated in frequent fire and rescue training. Led rope systems training for 15 firefighters.
- Responsible for maintenance and upkeep of fire station facility and apparatus.
- Awarded "Diehard Award" by the Chief of Department and "Rescue Directors Award" in 2003 for service above and beyond the call of duty.

CAMP RAMAH IN THE BERKSHIRES – WINGDALE, NY

Outdoor Educator

Summers 2001, 2002, 2003

- Taught wilderness skills and leadership to groups of teenagers.
- Planned multiple weeklong hiking and biking expeditions, acted as trip and medical leader.
- Created wilderness rescue scenario for staff training, involving local emergency agencies.

Sailing and Swimming Instructor

Summers 1997,1998,1999

- Designed daily sailing curriculum for 10 beginner students.
- Planned and executed daylong sailing excursion, responsible for navigation and safety.
- Instructed 60 students ages 9-15 years old in swimming technique.

Activities

CORNELL CYCLING TEAM - ITHACA, NY

August 1999 - May 2003

• Competed in collegiate mountain bike races in the northeast.

WILDERNESS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – PITKIN, COLORADO

Summer 2001

• Took part in a month long intensive training course for national certification

NATIONAL OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL – TETON VALLEY, IDAHO

January 2001

• Participated in 15-day backcountry ski expedition emphasizing leadership, avalanche awareness and rescue, personal and group accountability, and outdoor skills.

Skills

CAD – Solidworks, IronCAD, CNC, MATLAB, LabVIEW, Word, Excel, Power Point, TIG welding