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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) 2018-2022 Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Architecture + Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Planning Cambridge, MA Candidate for Masters of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Structural Design) GPA: 5.0/5.0 Minor in Chinese (cross-registration at Harvard University) Relevant Coursework: Building Technologies (Environmental, Structural), Structural Optimisation, Machine Learning, Management Finance, Public Policy, International Development, Business Chinese **German Swiss International School** 2005-2018 Valedictorian; International Baccalaureate 45/45, SAT 1560 Hong Kong SAR Leadership & Accomplishments **MIT Institute Leadership** 2020-Chair of UA Involvement, UA Committee on COVID-19, MIT Values Committee, MIT PAC; MIT CJAC; SSC-UAB Cambridge, MA Represented the student body at all stages of MIT's response to COVID-19. Advised and collaborated with MIT Senior Leadership with emphasis on community outreach and engagement. Contributing writer for MIT's Values Statement as student representative on the MIT Values Committee. Personally advised President Reif on matters of Institute policy as undergraduate member of the Presidential Advisory Cabinet (PAC). Student representative on the MIT Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC) on Institute affairs. Consulted Schwarzman College of Computing on the restructuring of undergraduate programs at MIT. **MIT Community Engagement** 2019-2022 MIT Lightweight Crew Captain and National Champion; MIT Ring Committee Cambridge, MA Captain of MIT's Division 1 Lightweight Women's Crew Core contributor to the design and development of the 2022, 2023 and 2024 class rings as first MIT student to serve on multiple years' committees. Facilitated adaptation of digital technology to enable live design feedback, improved meeting efficiency, and quality outcomes. Additionally, organised 1000+ person events. SpeakEasy Social Inc. Startup 2019-2021 Cofounder, Product Design Lead Cambridge, MA Co-founded a tech start-up that seeks to disrupt the current model of labour union management. Developed UI/UX framework; spearheaded product design and brand implementation; oversaw translation to final alpha product; guided development of mid-term expansion plans and pilot. **National Champion in Collegiate Rowing** Gold medallist in the lightweight women's 4+ at IRA National Championship and Head of the Charles 2022 Regatta; recipient of CRCA Scholar-Athlete and IRA All-Academic Team accolades. Boston, MA World Individuals Public Speaking and Debate Competition (WIDPSC) 2016-2018 Competitor, Captain and Grand Finalist (Pittsburgh 2016, Sydney 2017); Coach (2018) Hong Kong SAR Represented Hong Kong in international debate, persuasive and impromptu speaking, and interpretive reading competition; awarded Grand Finalist in interpretive reading in 2017; coached 2018 team. Experience 2021-Architect (D-Lab, MIT & Biomechatronics, MIT Media Lab) Cambridge, MA Research under Leslie Norford (D-Lab), John Ochsendorf (MIT Civil Engineering); Hugh Herr (Biomechatronics). Primary architect on three-building school complex in Masiaka, Sierra Leone. Currently under construction. Collaborating with Biomechatronics to design advanced prosthetics clinic and manufacturing facilities in Sierra Leone, including a mobile clinic and associated healthcare supply chain requirements. 2021 Undergraduate Researcher and Designer on Molten Lunar Regolith Project (Ideation Lab, MIT) Cambridge, MA Research under Maria Yang, in collaboration with NASA Performed comprehensive feasibility study for novel additive manufacturing technologies in a lunar environment. Proposed out project scope and timeline, and explored architectural opportunity space. 2020 Sustainability and Design Intern (NOBULL) Boston, MA Developing sustainability strategies to be implemented across entire footwear and apparel value chain. Collaborating with footwear designers to ideate around and structure product line roadmap, supported by e-commerce UI/UX website improvements. Undergraduate Researcher on Material Ecologies Project (Mediated Matter, MIT Media Lab) 2019 Cambridge, MA Research under Neri Oxman Parametrically modelled, manufactured, and documented biocomposite structures to demonstrate the

Skills/Interests

Languages	English (Native); German (Native); Mandarin Chinese (Fluent, Traditional Characters)
Software	Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, XD); CAD (Rhinoceros 3D, MasterCam); Code (Python, Java, Flutter/Dart, Swift, Grasshopper, MatLab); Microsoft and Google Productivity Suites
Interests	Rowing; Herpetology; Digital and Manual Fabrication; Textiles; Capital Markets

effect of material composition on a structure's response to varying environmental effects.