Richard Chen

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EDUCATION

Worcester Polytechnic Institute | Worcester, MA

May 2026

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

GPA: 4.00

Relevant Coursework | *Current Coursework

Courses: Intro to Mfg. Eng, Intro to Statics, Stress Analysis, Intro to Dynamics, Fluid Mechanics, Materials Science, Materials Processing*, Physical Metallurgy*, Computer-Aided Manufacturing*, Achieving Effective Operations*

SKILLS

Technical: CAD/CAM/Analysis, Haas CNC Milling/Turning, FDM 3D Printing, Metallography, Mechanical Testing

Software: SOLIDWORKS, Fusion 360, ANSYS Workbench, MountainsMap, MATLAB, Python

Certifications: IISE Lean Six Sigma Green Belt (12/27/23), OSHA 10-hour General Industry Card (06/30/24)

Projects

Mass Finishing Study | Worcester, MA

April 2024 – Present

- Investigating correlations between edge curvature and process variables in mass finishing of aluminum parts.
- Operated CNC mill and Bel Air Mass Finisher to make and treat aluminum 6061 T6511 sample parts.

Stone Tool Analysis | Worcester, MA

September 2023 – January 2024

- Conducted surface roughness measurements of tool samples using Gelsight handheld mobile device.
- Performed multiscale surface analysis of raw areal measurements using MountainsMap and MS Excel.
- Co-authored paper, "Multiscale characterizations of topographic measurements on lithic materials and microwear", published in Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports, Volume 57 for September 2024.

V6 Engine CAD | Worcester, MA

September 2023 – October 2023

- Created CAD model of V6 engine using Solidworks as well as animation of engine operation.
- Drafted ASME Y14.5 compliant drawings for each individual part, featuring various non-standard views.

EXPERIENCE

Center for Heat Treating Excellence | Undergraduate Assistant

March 2024 - Present

- Conducted experiments on viability of using fluidized bed furnaces to form bainite in steel through austempering.
- Developed CCT diagrams for 52100 bearing steel by recording cooling curves on a quenching dilatometer.
- Assisted graduate students with literature reviews, experimental procedures, and other research tasks.

WPI Washburn Machine Shop | Machine Shop Technician

January 2024 – September 2024

- Responsible for providing project assistance and training to lab users on CNC machine tools and other equipment.
- Performed regular maintenance on machine tools, cleanup of shop incidents, and organization of tool cabinets.
- Enforced safety protocols during shop hours with WPI staff and senior PLAs.

WPI Surface Metrology Lab | Lab Assistant

September 2023 – Present

- Organized experiments and managed logistics as project lead for Archaeology and Mass Finishing studies.
- Fabricated test samples and experiment fixtures using CNC machining and 3D printing.
- Recorded and distributed minutes from weekly lab meetings with PI.

ACTIVITIES

Affiliations: ASME, SME, Materials Advantage

Clubs: High Power Rocketry Club (HPRC), Science Fiction Society (SFS)