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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Packaging: Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI May 2011

- GPA: 3.3047/4.0 Major GPA: 3.6129/4.0 Dean's List (3 Semesters)

EXPERIENCE

Packaging Engineer: Vention Medical, Grand Rapids, MI (Formerly ATEK Medical) June 2011 - Present

- Develop leadership skills and high quality work performance as a member of a fast-paced, industry-leading packaging engineering team through creative and effective problem solving
- Gain valuable experience in the medical device industry through extensive work with Form/Fill/Seal machines, heat sealers, vacuum sealers, and finished-good labeling processes
- Enhance business skills by collaborating with customers and suppliers as an influential member of cross-functional teams
- Expand knowledge of packaging processes including package design and development, planning and implementation of test method validations, protocol and report writing, and constant exposure to new equipment and procedures
- Demonstrate organizational skills by meeting deadlines on new project development and sustaining production operations
- Embrace opportunities to work in growing environments across all sites by launching projects and sustaining operations in multiple facilities in both Grand Rapids and Costa Rica
- Utilize Lean methodology and improve communication skills as a member of the Business Excellence team

Packaging Internship: Unilever, Trumbull, CT January 2011 – June 2011

- Develop and expand technical knowledge within Customer Packaging Department through the execution of promotional, gifting, secondary and tertiary packaging to fit customer and consumer needs
- Communicate and interact with cross-functional teams and suppliers across food and personal care categories
- Enhance business and packaging skills through managing projects across several brands and successfully meeting fast-paced timelines
- Support project engineers with material reduction tasks and opportunities for cost savings
- Develop and implement innovative designs for new projects as well as existing packages to improve material efficiency, and structural integrity while adhering to customer requirements, and marketing needs
- Organize, conduct and fulfill all ship testing requirements for Customer Packaging team by following Unilever standard test methods and issuing finalized reports
- Demonstrate attention to detail, aptitude for learning and ability to work independently through creating technical specifications, bill of materials, pallet patterns, as well as requesting codes and case art

Study Abroad: Spanish Language, Literature and Culture in Santander: Santander, Spain May 2008 – July 2008

- Advanced second-language skills, self-reliance, and worldliness while studying at Universidad Internacional Menendez Palayo, living with a host family and traveling in Spain, Germany and Italy

Second-Language: Spanish Fall 2002 – Fall 2010

- Expand second-language skills through studying Spanish language and culture

Academic Competitions

3rd Place 2010 Paperboard Packaging Alliance Student Design Challenge May 2010

- Honored at Pack Expo 2010 in Chicago for designing and creating sustainable and marketable package for the 40th anniversary of Earth Day

3rd Place 2009 Glass Packaging Design Competition judged by the Glass Packaging Institute December 2009

Athletic Aide: Munn Ice Arena, MSU, East Lansing, MI August 2007- December 2010

- Delegated responsibilities to student employees, managed and organized rental equipment, and assisted Arena Manager with financial and budgetary tasks

Engineering Assistant/Administrative Aide: National Superconducting Cyclotron, MSU March 2006 – August 2007

ACTIVITIES

Member of Pi Kappa Gamma Honorary Packaging Fraternity August 2009 – December 2010

- Executive Board Member (College Representative and Technical Specialist) August 2010 – December 2010

Member of Institute of Packaging Professionals (MSU Chapter) August 2009 – December 2010

Member of Michigan State University Alumni Association May 2011 - Present

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office, CAPE, JD Edwards, and project management program Interspec
- Experience creating prototypes using Artios CAD and a Kongsberg cutting table