# Danté Herrera

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## EDUCATION

Texas A&M University Fall 2018 - Spring 2022 National Hispanic Recognition Scholar Aerospace Engineering with Honors Astrophysics Minor GPA: 3.79 GRE (V/Q): 163/166

## COURSEWORK

Calculus I-III Differential Equations Aerospace Computations Principles of Electrical Engineering Physics: Mechanics, Electromagnetism, Modern Astronomy, Astrophysical Research Aerothermodynamics Numerical Simulation Theoretical Aerodynamics High Speed Aerodynamics Aerospace Structural Analysis I & II Aerothermodynamic Propulsion Aerospace Vehicle Design

## SKILLS

#### SOFTWARE

Python HTML/CSS/Javascript/PHP/SQL LabVIEW MATLAB/Simulink Siemens NX/SolidWorks Microsoft Office LaTeX

#### TECHNICAL

Soldering/Wiring/Circuit Diagnostics Circuit Design DAQ Systems/Automation Micro-controller Systems

#### COLLABORATION

Communicating Complex Ideas Teaching Team-building Emotional Intelligence

#### **PERSONAL STRENGTHS**

Independent Research Public Speaking Time Management

# EXPERIENCE

#### LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY | R&D ENGINEER

JUL 2022 – Current | Los Alamos, New Mexico

#### LEAD DEVELOPER - GAS TRANSFER OPERATION SYSTEM

- Developed LabVIEW, microcontroller based, and analog DAQ and control systems
- Developed python based programs for data analysis and automation
- Characterized and developed gas transfer systems

#### SPACEX | STARSHIP LAUNCH INTERN SEP 2021 – DEC 2021 | Boca Chica, Texas Developed Orbital Launch Pad Fluids Systems

- Implemented NX and Python to design system models and drawings
- Designed, built, and operated propellant and pneumatic transfer systems for the orbital launch pad
- Interfaced with tech and weld leads on a daily basis to manage orbital pad fluids system construction

### TAMU SOUNDING ROCKETRY TEAM | PROPULSION TEAM MEMBER JAN 2019 – SEP 2021 | College Station, Texas

#### DESIGNED AND BUILT HYBRID ROCKET ENGINE

- Leveraged SolidWorks to design hybrid engine combustion chamber, housing, fuel grain, and fluid transport system
- Designed small scale additives test engine and testing procedure resulting in over 15 successful tests
- Built, tested, and characterized full scale sounding rocket engine with an average measured thrust in excess of 900 lbf

#### **TEXAS A&M AERO DEPT.** | UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER AUG 2018 – MAY 2021 | College Station, Texas

## INVESTIGATED HYBRID PROPULSION CHARACTERIZATION

- Developed fuel grain regression rate model for HTPB and nitrous oxide combustion and measurement technique for chamber temperature
- A presentation of my research received first place at student research week 2021 for the undergraduate engineering section

#### **TEXAS A&M AERO DEPT.** | GRADER - AEROTHERMODYNAMICS JAN 2020 – DEC 2020 | College Station, Texas

#### GRADE STUDENT EVALUATIONS

• Continually improved my technical mastery and communication skills by grading and offering supplementary content for Aerothermodynamics

#### **TEXAS A&M MATH DEPT.** | MATH 251 HELP SESSION LEADER JAN 2019 – JUL 2019 | College Station, Texas TEACH MULTIVARIATE CALCULUS

• Cultivated an open and inclusive environment for students to ask questions and reinforce concepts taught in their multivariate calculus class, such as multiple integrals, integration in alternate coordinate systems, and physical applications of calculus