

# Michael Kwara

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## EDUCATION

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**University** **Orlando, Florida**  
*Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering* *May 2022*

- GPA: 4.0
- Relevant Coursework:
  - Thermodynamics
  - Fundamentals of Aerodynamics
  - Heat Transfer I
  - Numerical Methods
- Organizations: American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Students for the Exploration and Development of Space, Tau Beta Pi

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**University of Central Florida** **Orlando, Florida**  
*Undergraduate Learning Assistant – (Dynamics, Vibrations and Controls)* *August 2020 – August 2021*

- Worked with a team to create study guides and present live course reviews to service over 150 students and prepare them for exams.
- Monitored class discussion during lecture to identify confusion and help with the interpretation of course material.
- Collaborated with education researchers in an ongoing training to improve communication skills and enhance student learning.

**Propulsion and Energy Research Laboratory (University of Central Florida)** **Orlando, Florida**  
*Research Assistant* *August 2020 – May 2020*

- Analyzed experimental flame stability data from research papers to fabricate a theoretical stability curve using MATLAB under different conditions.
- Experimented with preexisting burner designs to test for flame stability with acoustic disturbances to verify theoretical calculations.
- Adapted Bunsen burner design in SOLIDWORKS for use in the experimental wind tunnel to maximize heat transfer into the air cross flow.
- Upgraded experimental wind tunnel and the NI LABVIEW circuit with a new DAQ to be able to operate with more input/output signals.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**Students for the Exploration and Development of Space** **Orlando, Florida**  
*Liquid Bi-Propellant Rocket Engine - Combustion Team lead* *December 2020 - Present*

- Outlined the process in which the team could follow to design a combustion chamber and nozzle based on design parameters such as target altitude and thrust.
- Formulated models in MATLAB to simulate the engine under running conditions to provide information to other teams about how combustion would affect the system.
- Organized a team of 20+ members into work groups based on task difficulty and experience.
- Collaborated with other team leads implementing concepts from systems engineering to ensure efficiency and avoid over-engineering.

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

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### Skills:

- SolidWorks CSWP Certification
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite
- Proficient in LabVIEW
- Proficient in MATLAB
- Familiar with Ansys Fluent
- Familiar with coding in Python and C