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Objective To obtain a permanent position with a company in the Wood Science and Forest Products industry after graduation in May 2008.

Education **B.S., Wood Science and Forest Products; Minor: Biology**, expected May 2008 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA.
Cumulative GPA: 3.03/4.00

Related Courses

Wood Structure, Properties and Processing	Lumber Manufacturing and Drying
World Forests and Forest Products	Operations Management
Forest Products Marketing	<i>Quality and Process Improvement</i>
Wood Chem., Products and Processes	<i>Computers in Forest Products</i>
Forest Biology and Dendrology	<i>Wood Adhesions and Composites</i>
Production and Operation Management	<i>Wood Products Operations Management</i>
Mechanical Properties of Wood	<i>Forest Products Business Management</i>
Technical Writing	

Skills Windows XP
Microsoft Office 2000 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
AutoCAD, Minitab 14, Structural Analysis, Dreamweaver
General knowledge and operation of woodworking machinery.

Work Experience **Student Worker** for Dr. Audrey Zink-Sharp, 230 Cheatham Hall, Virginia Tech, June 2007 – Present.

- Adapted and updated “Virginia Tech Wood ID” program from Authorware to HTML.
- Updated “Virginia Tech Wood Magic” web page.
- Photographed macroscopic wood specimens using light microscope.

Entrepreneur, The Wood Enterprise Institute at Virginia Tech, January 2007 – Present.

- Involved in developing product from concept to market.
- Involved in developing WEI website.
- Involved in marketing and sales meetings with customers, and all stages of product production.

Chemist Intern, Akzo Nobel Industrial Wood Coatings. Roanoke, VA. Summer 2006.

- Conducted extensive summer-long project to troubleshoot a problem with a coating used by a customer of Akzo Nobel.
- Presented my project findings to the Assistant Technical Director and other chemists.
- Shadowed R&D chemists in stain, paint, water-based, lacquer, UV, and future product development labs.

Student Researcher for Dr. Scott Rennecker, Brooks Forest Products Center, Virginia Tech. February 2006 – May 2006.

- Created veneer-based composites.
- Operated spectroscopy, and other lab equipment.
- Maintained laboratory notebook.

Sales Floor Representative/Cashier, Target, Fairfax, VA June 2003 – January 2006.

Assisted guests in electronics department.

Activities, Honors & Awards

Wood Enterprise Institute 2007	Forest Products Club	Environmental Coalition
Winner of Wood Based Composites Center Scholarship (2007-08)		
Boehm-Madison Co. Scholarship (2007-08)		
Richmond Intl. Forest Products LLC Scholarship (2007-08)		
Ragsdale Wood Science and Forest Products Scholarship (Summer 2007)		
Victor Clay Barringer Scholarship (2006-07)	Columbia Forest Products Scholarship (2005-06)	
Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society		

References

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