

HADEN SMITH

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OBJECTIVE

Mechanical Engineering student with hands on industrial experience in project management, vendor/contractor coordination, and design process looking toward a full-time engineering role in the manufacturing and steel industry

EDUCATION

BS | Mechanical Engineering | Virginia Tech 2025-2028

- 3.83 GPA | Teaching Assistant: Design & Economics (ME3024) – Evaluate student projects for technical accuracy, ensuring design choices align with both engineering standards and budgetary constraints

AS | Engineering | Virginia Western Community College 2023-2025

- 3.92 GPA | Virginia Tech Transfer Program

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mechanical Engineering Intern | Steel Dynamics | Butler, IN Summer 2025, Summer 2026

- Developed tank recycling system that allowed wasted process water to be recycled back into process. Led the project from diagnosis to final installation; resulted in yearly cost savings of ~\$250,000
- Managed inventory, mechanical drawings, and Bills of Materials for multimillion-dollar cleaning section project.
- Coordinated on-site contractors and equipment vendors to complete necessary jobs.

Apprentice | Comfort Systems USA | Roanoke, VA June 2023 – August 2023

- Assisted in HVAC duct and unit work, plumbing, pipefitting, welding, electrical work, and general necessary labor.
- When met with challenges, I assisted in rethinking and executing ideas and was given relative freedom to work and troubleshoot independently.

Electronic Recycling | River Acceptance, LLC | Roanoke, VA September 2023 – May 2025

- Assessed recycled computers' abilities and limitations, differentiated between degrees of salvageability, determined and extracted valuable parts, removed old programs and installed new OS.
- Assisted in sorting and testing products and responsible for figuring out methods for unfamiliar products.

AWARDS

AIST Steel Intern Scholar 2025

AIST Steel Intern Scholarship – Ronald E. Lincoln 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Autodesk Inventor | Microsoft Office | MATLAB | Welding & Fabrication | Hand & Power Tools | Print Reading

LEADERSHIP

Bible Study Leader – *InterVarsity Christian Fellowship* | Racquetball Launcher Competition – *Virginia Western Community College* | Volunteer Wrestling Coach – *Salem High School*