

# Richard Dylan Hayenga

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## EDUCATION

### Winona State University – Winona, MN

Bachelor of Science in Composite Materials Engineering  
Minors: Polymer Chemistry and Mathematics

Expected: May 2021  
GPA: 3.62 / 4.0

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software: Microsoft Office, Excel, SolidWorks, CAD, MoldFlow, Delta, TA Analysis, SweetHome, Mathematica  
Materials Testing: ASTM and ISO Standards, Tensile, Flexural, Compression, Shear, Impact, Fiber Burn-Off  
Characterization: Microscopy, SEM, TGA, DSC, TMA, DMA, GCMS, FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectroscopy  
Manufacturing: LEAN, 5S, Filament Winding, Pultrusion, Extrusion, Injection Molding, Continuous Improvement

## INTERNSHIP / RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Materials Engineering Intern – Avient / PolyOne Corporation

May 2020 – August 2020

- Designed a 3D sunglasses model on SolidWorks from sketch to assembly, and conducted FEA analyses
- Collaborated with R&D to determine control limits for materials using statistical analysis and additive properties
- Worked in pellet production and collaborated with engineering team on implementing process improvements
- Operated molding machines to create working parts, determine product failures, and improve current process
- Conducted proper mechanical testing of the processed materials according to ASTM and ISO standards
- Collaborated with interns across other areas of business on projects as a part of the internship program

### Polymer Chemistry Research – Winona State University

September 2019 – Current

- Lead independent project: Synthesis of 3-Vinylthiophene as a Precursor in Solar-Cell Applications
- Performed microwave synthesis, and characterized samples using FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and GCMS
- Proposed new synthetic methods based on experimental results for improvements in polymer processing

### Engineering Intern – Miken Sports / Rawlings

May 2019 – August 2019

- Implemented problem-solving and critical thinking skills to help improve upon manufacturing processes
- Executed projects efficiently by working with computer software such as SolidWorks, Excel, and SweetHome
- Utilized hands-on skills to build various manufacturing applications such as carts, mounts, and shelves
- Practiced lean manufacturing and utilized 5S knowledge to further improve on processes and safety

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

### Teaching / Lab Assistant – Winona State University

August 2017 – Current

- Worked in a laboratory setting to help the students properly conduct their scientific experiments
- Responsible for mastering class material; grading all assignments and reports within the given deadline
- Tutored students during personal office hours and assisted the professor with any other given duties

### Mentor – Winona State University, College of Science and Engineering

August 2019 – Current

- Served as a mentor to four freshman engineering students by acting as a role-model and student contact

### Engineering Student-Orientation Leader – Winona State University

August 2017 – March 2020

- Taught incoming students how to adjust to college life through experiences and hardships they might face
- Individually led a classroom, trained first-year leaders, and helped conduct interviews for hiring process

### Catering Assistant – Najwa's Catering, North Mankato

June 2014 – December 2018

- Assisted with catering needs such as serving food, cleaning tables, and washing dishes during events

## AWARDS and ACHIEVEMENTS

- Three-time recipient of the Industry for the Advancement of WSU's CME Scholarship
- Recipient of WSU's Vernon "Vern" Kallenborn Scholarship
- Scored in the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile on the ACS National Organic Chemistry 2 Exam
- Dean's List participation (7 semesters)

**Notable Courses:** Composites Manufacturing, Advanced Microscopic Techniques, Polymer Processing, Organic Chemistry 1 and 2, Polymer Science, Composite Materials, Materials Synthesis & Characterization, Polymer Chemistry, Mechanics of Composites, Design Project, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, and Electrical Circuits.