

# JAMES MCNANEY

Electrical Engineer  
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## EDUCATION

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### **Rice University**

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering  
Cumulative GPA: 3.709

*Graduated May 2020*

### **Rice University**

Professional Masters of Electrical Engineering Program  
Cumulative GPA: 3.207

*Expected graduation: May 2022*

### **Relevant Coursework:**

Artificial Neural Networks, VLSI Systems Design, Engineering Persuasion, Intro to Random Processes, Digital Integrated Circuits, Computer Systems Architecture, Signals Systems and Machine Learning, Random Signals, Physical Electronics, Digital Logic Design, Implementation of Digital Systems, Quantum Mechanics, Learning From Sensor Data, Intro to Computer Vision

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Rice University (Houston, Texas)**

*Undergraduate Researcher*

Summer 2019, 2020

- Integrated a realistic channel model (QuaDRiGa) into simulations utilizing decentralized algorithms for 5G, MU-MIMO communication systems
- Developed simulation software for modeling MU-MIMO systems using power amplifiers
- Listed as a co-author on a research paper submitted for the 2019 Asilomar Conference (*arXiv:1912.04437*)

### **KB Electronics (Coral Springs, FL)**

*Electrical Engineering Intern*

Summer 2018

- Researched and developed a pseudo-bootloader to implement firmware updates to motor drives through serial communications
- Performed part qualification testing to substitute obsolete parts
- Presented to upper management and attended weekly roundtable meetings with engineering department

### **Doerr Institute: Professional Leadership Coach Training**

*CoachRICE Student*

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

- Completed 60 hours of International Coach Federations approved coursework to become a formally trained peer leadership coach
- Developed tool kit and methodology to coach and develop others as leaders

## PROJECTS

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- Implemented a predictive maintenance system for natural gas compressors utilizing anomaly detection and other machine learning techniques.
- Refined, and commercialized an existing prototype for intramedullary nail surgery as part of a Senior Design team capstone project (patent pending).
- Developed an original VLSI Microcontroller to simulate a cellular automata. Chip successfully fabricated and packaged
- Created an embedded system project which implemented Conway's Game of Life in 3-Dimensions.  
[https://james-collin-elec327.github.io/james\\_collin\\_GOL/](https://james-collin-elec327.github.io/james_collin_GOL/)

## EXTRA-CURRICULARS AND ACCOLADES

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<b>NCAA Track and Field National Championship</b> <i>Competitor in Javelin</i>	2021
<b>NCAA All-American</b> <i>Honorable mention in Javelin</i>	2021
<b>Rice Men's Track and Field</b> <i>Pole Vault and Javelin</i>	2016-2021
<b>Rice Data to Knowledge Lab</b> <i>D2K Showcase winner</i>	2021
<b>IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu</b> <i>Inducted Member</i>	2020
<b>ECE Future Star Scholarship</b>	2020
<b>George R. Brown School of Engineering Scholarship for Professional Master's Degrees in Engineering</b>	2020
<b>Track and Field Scholar Athlete</b>	2019-2020
<b>Track and Field Honor Athlete</b>	2018-2019
<b>Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal</b>	2016-2018
<b>Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll</b>	2016-Present
<b>President's Honor Roll</b>	2017