Quinn Matava

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I'm an industrial designer based in Cleveland, OH, driven to develop products that balance user needs with technical feasibility. With 4+ years of experience spanning industries from consumer products, medical devices, mobility, and defense, I bring both technical and creative problem solving to complex design challenges. Growing up on multiple continents helped shape my perspective in design, elevating solutions across diverse contexts and industries.

Experience

Jun 2024 – Aug 2025	Nottingham Spirk Industrial Designer — Cleveland, OH → Designed consumer, commercial, and defense products within a vertically integrated innovation firm, with a focus on user experience, prototyping and VOC-driven insights. → Served as the industrial design lead on an equipment development program in collaboration with the U.S. Air Force. → Advanced Phantom Fireworks' consumer safety product development. Refined concepts from sketch through engineering prototypes prepared for IP review. → Led proposal visualizations for Stellantis Booster Day challenges, winning multiple challenges, leading to new projects. → Drove concept generation for food product packaging and supported presentations to Treehouse Foods' C-Suite. → Delivered a functional tradeshow ready prototype of Ecolab's autonomous cleaning cart in a two-month sprint, collaborating with engineering and prototype technicians to ensure functional integration.
Aug 2023 – Dec 2023	Formation Design Group Co-op — Atlanta, GA → Directed press-quality animations and renders for the Dovetail Mobile Lounge internal case study, enhancing Formation's narrative of modern aviation systems design. → Executed early design development for a heart transplant box, the VP.S Encore Hypothermic Perfusion System. Defined form, CMF, and ergonomics to align with clinical portability and sterile field requirements.
Jan 2023 – Apr 2023	 Crown Equipment Co-op — New Bremen, OH → Focused on design refinement and platform updates for LP-powered forklifts. Delivered CAD and visual development for power units, contributing to the ergonomics and manufacturability of key components.
May 2022 – Aug 2022	 Midea of America Co-op — Louisville, KY → Core member on the innovation team. Shaped product aesthetic, CMF and UI for the Barista Brew Coffee System. Contributed to user experience and Al-driven personalization. Honoree at CES 2024 within the Al category. → Volunteered as the sole office 3D printing technician, FDM and SLA workflows.

Aug 2021 -

Cascade Maverik Co-op - Liverpool, NY

Dec 2021

Collaborated with the design director to develop the Ascent Plus women's lacrosse head. Gained hands-on experience with athlete feedback, performance prototyping, and sport-specific material testing.

Education

2024

University of Cincinnati, D.A.A.P. 2019 -

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design

Dean's List (All Semesters), D.A.A.P. Co-op program

Languages

Skills

	Digital		Analogue	
English - Fluent Dutch - Fluent French- Proficient	Keyshot Twinmotion Solidworks Fusion 360 Vizcom	Gravity Sketch Blender Wacom / Procreate Unreal Engine Adobe Creative Cloud	Marker Rendering Drawing Materials Woodworking Metalworking	Verbal Presentation Prototyping Scale mockups CNC tool Operation CMF Exploration