# **BRIAN FITZPATRICK**

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# **EDUCATION**

### **DUKE UNIVERSITY, The Fugua School of Business**

Durham, NC

# **Master of Business Administration**

May 2025

Project Manager, 2024 Fuqua Client Consulting Practicum (Diligence and Go-To Mkt Strategy).

Axe-throwing competition champion.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, NC

May 2018

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering,

**Bachelor of Science in Physics** 

Junior Design Project Lead on a five-student team in a robotics competition – Attained 2<sup>nd</sup> place with lowest cost.

Senior Design Co-lead on a multidisciplinary, eight-student team for a low-cost tooling analysis graduate research project – Demonstrated 96% cost reduction compared to industry standard.

Managed Back of House operations while bartending 30 hr./wk. Avid Intramural Sports player – 2018 Men's Soccer League Champion.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# FATHOM Sustainability R&D and product consulting firm

Charlotte, NC

Founder, CTO

2023 – Present, 2018 – 2022

- Conducted market research, product-market fit analysis, resource identification, and subsequent business plan formulation.
- Completed first principles modeling and experimental validation by creating bespoke simulation, data analysis, AI, and visualization tools using Python.
- Designed and built proof-of-concepts for: renewable energy transmission system, sustainable concrete production and logistics, sea water desalination, electrolysis-based hydrogen production, and consumer electronics.
- Spearheaded vetting and coordination of suppliers as well as performed supply-chain analysis, planning, and cost-reduction.
- Forecasted carbon reduction integration and carbon credit utilization potential through legislation due diligence.

**CORNING INC.** Industry leading glass manufacturer (Gorilla glass, Pyrex, Optical Fiber)

Charlotte, NC

**Process Engineer,** world's flagship optical fiber plant

2022 – 2023

- Chaired weekly interdepartmental huddles and full technical reviews to foster buy-in, develop KPIs, garner corporate resources, and align on production strategies for multi-quarter projects amidst a fast paced, 24/7 manufacturing environment.
- Initiated cost reduction and process efficiency projects, saving \$300k annually. Utilized Lean Six Sigma, Kaizen, A/B testing, automation, and data science building with SQL, Power BI, and Python.
- Optimized department data structures to better facilitate process tracking and communication of KPIs by reducing redundancy, standardizing database handshakes, and backfilling best practice documentation.
- Achieved 50% reduction in defect rate of plant's largest category of loss drivers. Defect was costing over \$65k in monthly losses
  resulting from lost product and grave, process-critical equipment damage and downtime. Drove root cause analysis and plantwide contaminant audit, briefing engineering leadership on research and roadmap. Agile project management.
- Regained process control and further reduced specialty-product quality variance by 10% compared to prior stable benchmark.
   Customer-facing, special projects division serving semiconductor manufacturing industry. Refined process best practices and retrained operators.
- Reduced same specialty-product delivery deficit by 15% through strategic planning of constrained manufacturing resources, cultivating operator investment, and developing creative feedback mechanisms. Collaborated with business and engineering stakeholders both in and outside plant to develop data-driven product strategy for evolving business case.
- Consulted on process implementation and change management to external divisions.
- Partnered with other recent hires to standardize engineering training manual, streamlined operational readiness from 8 months down to 4 months-post onboarding.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In my free time I love creating and learning, whether it be DIY renovation of my house in Charlotte, building furniture, or product and AI tool development in my home-lab.

I am an extraverted, collaboration-mined person who strives to build lasting connections through win-wins and open-minded communication.