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Failure Objective

I have a hard time accepting rejection and criticism. This is partly because I work hard, and it is difficult to see my hard work be rejected or not deemed “the best”. It is also because I find it easy to make rejections or criticisms of my work rejections or criticisms of me as a person. But there is something about this resume that makes me feel like rejections matter a little less. In fact, that I don’t have more on this resume makes me think I should try things outside of my comfort zone a little more often.

Academic & Professional Failures

Fellowships I Did Not Win Since August 2022

- K&L Gates Fellowship (CMU)
- So, so many that I applied to in high school and undergrad

Competitions I Lost Since August 2022

- NASA Blue Skies Competition: we did win the Best Presentation award but were the only graduate students competing (everyone else was still early or mid-way through undergrad).

Graduate Programs I Was Not Accepted To Since March 2022

- Berkeley’s Energy and Resources Group (ERG)

Internships I Interviewed For and Did Not Get Since August 2018

- ENERCON Services, Inc.
- Tesla
- GAF Energy

Internships I Did Not Get an Interview For

- 99% of internships I’ve ever applied to Since 2016

Things I Tried Very Hard to Achieve and Didn’t Since August 2018

- Maintaining a 4.0 GPA during undergrad

Skills I Could Not Master

Software & Modeling Approaches

- CFD (computational fluid dynamics): this was a significant part of my undergrad and something I never truly felt comfortable with

Programming Languages

- SQL: maybe it was the way it was taught, but I found this harder to learn than most other languages I know

Unprofessional Failures

- Failed belay climbing certification test (I did eventually pass☺) August 14, 2024