JOHN SLAVINSKAS

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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

- Operational knowledge of Python, TensorFlow/Keras & SQL for process analysis, cost modeling, and more
- Well-developed chemical lab skills through classes and hands-on research including numerous TAPPI standards
- Knowledge in management of teams, business and managerial law, marketing, and introductory accounting

EDUCATION

WorldQuant University January 2024- November 2025

Master of Science: Financial Engineering; DEAC Accredited

Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences, Munich, Germany

July 2025

Masters of Engineering: Paper Technology; ZEvA Accredited | Thesis on Solubility of Lignins in Organic Solvents

University of the People June 2025

Bachelor of Science: Computer Science; WASC Accredited | Concentration in Data Science

State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY

August 2023

Bachelor of Science: Paper Engineering; ABET Accredited | Minors in Management & Physics

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Lignopure, Technology Development Intern & Master Thesis Researcher | August 2024- June 2025

- Developed lignin-base functional materials (e.g., bio-based leather with up to 70% lignin) using extrusion and optimized processing for highest recorded strength in natural leather alternatives
- Researched solvent systems, temperature, and surfactants to improve lignin dissolution for new applications; estimated Hansen Solubility Parameters for better solvent selection with Python

Sonoco Product Company, *Emerging Leader* | *May 2023- August 2023*

- Conducted thorough analysis of effluent treatment processes, leading to implementation of solutions
- Gained experience with Parcview and Everactive sensors enabling real-time data visualization and proactive process adjustments, leading to better quality control and reduced downtime

Envision Biopolymers, *Undergraduate Student Researcher* | *February 2022- February 2023*

- Created biodegradable bioplastics from genetically modified E. Coli on a lab scale
- Collaborated with experts to perform scale up research after discovering an efficient bioplastic polymer blend

Paper Making Processes, Student Participant | January 2023- May 2023

- Exhibited teamwork to determine the necessary raw materials to design specific, economical paper grades and research its properties to perform multiple scale up procedures
- Gained valuable hands-on experience while working directly with process machinery and equipment

WestRock, *Project Intern* | *September 2022- December 2022*

- Contacted various vendors to obtain preliminary cost estimates to install a potential pocket conveyor system to transport waste fibers to Syracuse Fiber from WestRock rather than transporting via truck
- Calculated and presented an industry-level cost analysis to corporate managers of WestRock

Boy Scouts of America, *Eagle Scout* | *March 2020*- Led the building of dugout racks for John Glenn High School