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Physics Peer Mentor Matthew “Matt” Werner



Hello, my name is Matthew! I am a Materials Science and Engineering student with two semesters left at Mesa College. I hope to transfer to UC Berkeley, UCLA, Caltech, or Stanford to finish my Bachelor's and then UCSD to complete my Master's in Nanoengineering. I wish to one day help create materials that will bring humanity to Mars and beyond!

My journey began with a career in the maritime transportation industry, and after eight years of working at sea, I decided I wanted to expand my horizons and look to the stars. I knew I needed a much more expansive STEM education to do so, so I retired from my career at sea and enrolled in school. As an adult learner, I have faced many challenges, but every one of them I have been able to overcome with the support of my community as well as the Peer Mentoring program at Mesa College.

Outside of academia, I am a fitness enthusiast who regularly spends time in the gym as well as various sports and outdoor activities. I have most recently been training as an 89kg powerlifter, and was once upon a time a competitive dinghy sailor on the west coast high school circuit.

I am very excited to be joining the Mesa Peer Mentoring program! The Peer Mentoring program at Mesa College has helped me through many difficult course materials, as well as given me a community to come to when I am feeling down and out. It has helped inspire me, and I am grateful to be able to give that back to up and coming students.

Starting this Fall 2024, I will be mentoring students in Physics, but I am knowledgeable in many of the other early STEM courses, so feel free to reach out if you need any help!