

# Joao Sousa

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## EDUCATION

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**Texas A&M University** College Station, Texas  
*Bachelor of Science in Industrial Distribution / Minor in Business* Expected Graduation: May 2025  
GPA: 3.58/4.0

## EXPERIENCE

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**Ascend Performance Materials** Houston, Texas  
*Global manufacturer of nylon 6,6, specialty chemicals, and engineering materials* Summer 2023  
**Capital Projects & Engineering Intern**

- Developed a Monte Carlo simulation tool that helped calculate contingency values based on assessed project risks
- Supported with updating and testing Ascend's Interactive Capital Project Stage Gate Process for roll-out which will facilitate wider adoption by the company's project community
- Helped in the auditing process for CAPEX to identify and correct gaps
- Took part as a member of Ascend's Houston Office Safety Team to help promote office safety awareness

## INVOLVEMENT & VOLUNTEERING

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**Professional Association for Industrial Distribution (PAID)** College Station, Texas  
*Largest student-run student organization at Texas A&M University* August 2022– Present  
**Finance Officer 2023-2024**

- Coordinate with fellow officers to develop and manage the PAID budget for the year
- Implement cost-saving measures to reduce expenses while maintaining the quality of events

### **Committee Member**

- Attended casual and formal events to connect and engage with industry leaders and companies
- Carried out various tasks to gain insight of professionalism within the industry

**Aggie Investment Club (AIC)** College Station, Texas  
*Member, A top business organization at Texas A&M University* Spring 2021

- Gained knowledge of the investment industry and further understanding of the financial world.
- Discussed stock market habits with like-minded peers.

**Ascend Cares** Houston, Texas  
*Volunteer, Ascend Performance Materials* Summer 2023

- Contributed to constructing and delivery of 395 backpacks for Back-to-School events
- Worked with a group of 30 other volunteers to ensure the project's efficient completion

## HONORS & ACHIEVEMENT

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**Sigma Delta Honor Society**  
*Industrial Distribution Honor Society Member* Spring 2023

- Recognized for academic excellence among upper-level Industrial Distribution students

## SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

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**Languages:** Fluent in English and Portuguese; Conversational proficiency in Spanish

**Technical Skills:** MS Office software including Visio and Crystal Ball

**Interests/Activities:** Competitive wrestling and soccer, weightlifting, grilling, Aggie football