

BRIAN LESKO

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Max M. Fisher College of Business
Master of Business Administration, Finance and Strategy

Columbus, OH
May 2027

The Ohio State University
Master of Science in Engineering Major: Robotics and Automation
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Columbus, OH
May 2023
GPA: 3.7

The Ohio State University College of Engineering
Bachelor of Science, Major: Mechanical Engineering

- Dean's List, Honors, Research

Columbus, OH
May 2022
GPA: 3.5

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sherwin Williams
Robotics Automation Engineer

Cleveland, OH
05/2023 – 05/2025

- Generated \$2 million in annual value by boosting throughput and designing innovative equipment.
- Reduced daily human labor costs by several hours in a high-mix automated plant through enhanced system reliability and process optimizations. Collected data for AI training.

Ohio State
Research Associate

Columbus, OH
08/2021 – 04/2023

- Assessed engineering talent for nuclear power plant design by defining key requirements and metrics.
- Created a data-driven aptitude assessment tool to evaluate candidates for control system software roles, improving hiring accuracy.
- Taught product design courses for engineers, drove student engagement initiatives, and evaluated assignments to foster skill development.

Crystal Clear
Software Developer

Bainbridge, OH
05/2019 – 07/2021

- Created \$200,000 in annual value by automating work reporting systems with custom software.
- Directed IT administration and spearheaded infrastructure investments to enhance operational efficiency.

Flexrack by Qcells
Mechanical Engineer

Youngstown, OH
05/2019 – 08/2019

- Halved lead times for new project quotes by developing automated processes, accelerating delivery.
- Boosted customer acquisition by 30% through supply chain optimizations, including a batch ordering system for custom steel that reduced lead times on over 80% of projects by months.

Lesko Investments LLC
Managing Member

Solon, OH
02/2017 – Present

- **Equities portfolio:** Grew portfolio of public tech companies 14x from 2018–2021 and 3.5x since, vs. 2.6x for S&P 500
- **Single-Family Rental:** Generates 10% cash-on-cash return; acquired at 3.1% interest in 2021. Managed maintenance, marketing, and operations.
- **Multi-Family Rental:** Acquired duplex north of Ohio State's campus in March 2025.
- **Rental Renovations:** Boosted property profitability and ROI by adding bedrooms and bathrooms, relocating kitchen/utilities, and planning site improvements; collaborated with structural engineers
- **TextWork:** AI software for businesses, tenant screening and work reports using language models.