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# NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

The Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department is a vibrant academic community offering two undergraduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Engineering, in addition to graduate/advanced programs leading to MS, MEng and PhD degrees. Our 30+ full-time faculty members educate more than 780 undergraduate and 160 graduate students. Our Department is one of the largest and oldest units in the School of Engineering, having been founded in 1908. Today, our programs rank on the top 50 Graduate Engineering Programs in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report. Our exciting and multidisciplinary research portfolio is advancing research in a variety of scientific and technological areas, including nanostructures, autonomous robotics, electrohydrodynamics, fluid interactions, energy science, and advanced materials.

Our community of students, faculty, alumni, and industry partners are devoted to collaborative work at the highest standards of research and innovation. Every faculty member is dedicated to helping our students achieve success through teaching excellence and an exciting array of research projects. Students have access to a wide range of classes that train them in the core principles of mechanical and aerospace engineering. They have the opportunity to participate in research projects as undergraduates, allowing them to gain experience in real-world applications comparable to research conducted by industry.

Excellence in teaching is a priority for our faculty members who take seriously their role as educators, training students to be problem solvers and innovators. Our faculty has achieved distinction among their peers and as fellows of professional engineering societies, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), American Physical Society (APS), Acoustical Society of America (ASA), and American Academy of Mechanics (AAM).



We invite you to join our Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering community in our sustained efforts to advance societal needs through the scientific and technological discovery & innovation, design, and manufacturing.

Alberto Cuitiño, Ph.D. Professor and Chair Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

# NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR



Dear students, parents, and friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at Rutgers! Presented in the next few pages is the challenge that every Rutgers MAE undergraduate has to face, the yearly Design and Manufacturing Project. All classroom learning is translated to real-life problems as small groups of students work under faculty members to design and build an operational device that accomplishes a preset list of goals over the span of two semesters in their final year. Students compete with their projects in April during Rutgers Day in a public setting and are judged by academic and industrial experts. During these projects, students have the opportunity to work with industry members as well as faculty, gaining experience in real-world engineering. Many of these projects can lead to new technologies or other innovations outside of academia and they help our students transition to life after graduation. A key experience is our partnership with the Rutgers Business School faculty whose students collaborate with ours and prepare business plans to address the business component of design and engineering innovation. This provides a unique opportunity to students to work in a multidisciplinary entrepreneurial environment that is distinct to our department. Take your time to read through our projects and celebrate with us the innovativeness, entrepreneurship, and resourcefulness of our young engineers!

> Assimina A. Pelegri, Ph.D. Professor and Undergradate Program Director Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering



An ornithopter in which all lift and thrust are produced by the wings flapping in a manner similar to that of a bird, thus not requiring external sources of thrust in order to maintain flight.

## MECHANICAL FISH



We developed an underwater device that propels and maneuvers like a fish using body undulations and ballast control. Motor controller design and structural analysis allow the device to translate forward and laterally, and change depth.



A Reaction Control System designed to estimate attitude utilizing a predictive model and measured gyroscopic data. Trajectory is then corrected by deflecting fins to produce the necessary aerodynamic torques about the vehicle's center of mass.





The objective for this project is to construct a conversion kit to allow a standard, push wheelchair to become motorized. The consumer can install the motor and costs significantly less than an electric wheelchair.

## MULTI-MODE HYBRID UNMANNED DELIVERY SYSTEM



The Multi-Mode Hybrid Drone System (MMHDS) is a delivery drone prototype that employs a system of two autonomous aircraft, taking advantage of the strengths of different vehicle types.

MODULAR DRONES



Modular drones with the ability to connect and disconnect in midair and fly together both autonomously and with human control for the purpose of carrying a payload



## INFLATABLE DEPLOYABLE LUNAR HABITAT



Lunar habitat that will land on Starship, then be deployed and inflated to house astronauts on near-term missions on the lunar surface.

#### AUTONOMOUS DRONE HUNTER



With the increasing popularity of unmanned aerial vehicles, many bad actors have taken advantage of the airspace. Our group proposes a unique, smart drone designed to hunt, capture, and eliminate foreign drones from unwanted areas.



Our project is a quadcopter that will simulate microgravity conditions in by maintaining 1g acceleration for as long as possible in flight. The experiment platform will record data and accommodate experiments of multiple types.

## HIGHLY AGILE VERTICAL TAKE-OFF AND LANDING DRONE



This project is a VTOL aircraft with gimbaled motors. These motors are managed by a custom control scheme that incorporates pilot input in real time. This aircraft design allows for aggressive maneuvers and stable flight.

## SOLAR SEED SPREADER



The goal of the project is to design and simulate a solar powered walker that will spread seeds as it walks across a farm.

## MECHANICAL SOLAR WALKER



The solar walker is 3D printed using carbon fiber. With each leg consisting of 3 motors powered by a solar battery, the walker can traverse in 3 dimensions with a 2 oz. payload.



## DESIGN OF BIOMECHANICAL HAND



This biomechanical hand is designed that incorporate both mechanical and electrical functioning which contains voice controlled and pressure sensor system.

#### FLAPPING WING ENERGY HARVESTER



Our group is designing and manufacturing a self-flying blimp, to be used for a lightshow, as a source of entertainment for patrons at the American Dream Mall.

## DELTA WING CANDY DROPPER



Remote controlled Delta Wing craft that is capable of taking off and landing under its own power, performing a coordinated turn, and delivering a .25 lb. payload to a required location

## BIO-INSPIRED FLAPPING WING ENERGY HARVESTER II



The two goals of the project are to design a more stable and easily calibrated schlieren system and to create a new control code in LabView that is clear and well commented.



We designed a wind energy harvesting system that takes inspiration from the hand cranked powered flashlight and instead uses the biological shape of wings and fins to harvest the energy from wind power.

# OPERATION DELTA WING CANDY DROP

An original design of a new drone is able to lift off with its own power, perform a coordinated turn, drop a quarter pound of candy, and then land.



## VIRTUAL REALITY CYCLING FOR PATIENT REHABILITATION.



We designed a pedal to measure the strength of a stroke victim to help them see how they're recovering is going as they pedal on a stationary bicycle.

# THE AUTOMATED GANTRY SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUALIZED PRODUCTS.



The Automated Gantry System for Individualized Products allows manufacturers to produce variety of individualized products. The multifunctional and modular gantry allows companies to swap the machine's tools as needed, replacing multi machines capabilities by one.



The low cost COVID-19 ventilator is capable of both mandatory and assistive ventilation and will fill the gap between a clinical ventilators and a bag valve mask, while meeting all medical and respiratory requirements.

#### SOLAR-POWERED AIR PURIFICATION DEVICE



Solar-Powered Air Purification device that utilizes air filters to trap any particles as small as 0.3 microns along with a UV light to kill any remaining particles in the air.



This project is designed for small racing teams to be able to calibrate and tune the shock absorbers of their vehicles to achieve maximum performance.

## HYBRID KNEE IMPLANT



Design, manufacturing, and assembly of the three components making up a standard knee implant. These three components include the femoral component, tibial component, and the plastic spacer in between.



#### LOW COST VENTILATOR FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS

## THE HYBRID GREEN MICROGRID



Solar collector that cycles water until desired temperatures which is then stored for later use, while a wind turbine provides electricity for pumping power and electrical storage.

## RECYCLED BOTTLES PLASTIC EXTRUDER



An extruder that is designed to melt down plastic commonly found in recyclable bottles using electric heating and compressed air. Designed as the first stage of a 3D printing filament production process.

## TABLETOP SUBSONIC WIND TUNNEL



A low cost, modular wind tunnel that is suitable for undergraduate laboratory experiments. This design not only provides easy integration with any computer system, but is sustainable, durable, and adheres to the standardized engineering protocols.

## TABLE TOP SUBSONIC WIND TUNNEL



A modular subsonic wind tunnel that allows for speeds up to fifteen meters per second, up to twenty degree angle of attack and able to fit within eight cubic feet.

#### COLOR-BASED PNEUMATIC SORTER



A low-cost color-based sorting system that replicates industry-level metal scrap sorting system. Unsorted objects are distributed onto a conveyor belt, where the color is determined before a pneumatic actuator pushes them into sorted bins.



Our CubeSat structure was designed and tested to withstand forces experienced during launch. To manufacture, the base/cover plate and chassis wall molds are machined and the mold is used to cure the CFRP walls.



#### ACTIVE AERODYNAMICS FOR RUTGERS FORMULA RACING CAR



At the push of a button, the aerodynamic components of the car can be actively adjusted, allowing for minimized drag and downforce to increase the car's performance when going down a straight.

## 3D PRINTING WITH ELASTOMERIC COMPOSITES



A 3D printer modification built on the Creality Ender 3 capable of printing elastomeric composites with a high concentration of nanoparticles, such as graphene, intended to improve the mechanical properties of the elastomer.



DETACHABLE PROPULSION UNIT

**M1** 

The detachable propulsion unit allows surfers to wirelessly communicate to their surfboard in order to achieve the right amount of power to catch any wave that they would like to surf.

# DETACHABLE PROPULSION SYSTEM FOR VARYING SURFBOARD SIZES



A detachable propulsion system that will aim to help the user learn to surf by providing a thrust, which reduces the necessary strength and fundamentals needed to surf.

#### OPTICAL TORQUE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

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Attempting to measure the efficiency of an engine by using torque which is calculated by optical system to measure the deflection in the axis of a predefined rod that is attached to the system.

FILAMENT EXTRUDER FOR THERMOPLASTICS AND METALLIC MATERIALS



A filament extruder that will extrude filament of increased strength by having the capability to intake and mix Polylactic acid with metal powder material. The filament should be produced at a rate of 2 lb/hr.



## DRILL PRESS CONVERSION KIT TO CNC MILL



An existing stock drill press converted into a soft material cutting CNC mill for low-cost entry into the industrial sector.

## ELECTRODIALYSIS FOR WATER DESALINATION



This device is designed to desalinate water via electrodialysis using ion-exchange membranes. A lab-scale stack is constructed with a supplemental discussion of scalability.

## STEAM GENERATING SOLAR COLLECTOR



By using gravity instead of a pump, we are creating a more household friendly solar collector for heating the air and hot water in homes while reducing power requirements of the system.

## ELECTROSTATIC SPRAY AUTOMOTIVE SCRATCH ELIMINATOR



We have designed an all in one, user friendly, electrostatic car scratch spray remover, giving a wide range of consumers the ability to repair small to medium sized scratches at an affordable price.



Focusing on an underutilized source of power taken from the salinity gradient between fresh and saltwater, this project uses ion selective membranes to passively separate positively and negatively charged particles to generate electricity.

## ELECTROSTATIC SPRAY AUTOMOTIVE SCRATCH ELIMINATOR



The future of research pertaining to the benefits of equine related therapy as well as the future of horse racing training



#### SINGLE STEP STAIR CLIMBER



An add-on for wheelchairs that allows wheelchair users to overcome a single step without the assistance from another person to access areas without handclapped access

#### AUTONOMOUS GRINDING ROBOT



The primary objective of this project was to design and develop a fully functioning concrete floor grinding robot capable of autonomous self navigation and self locomotion using camera imaging and on board computer.

#### AUTONOMOUSLY NAVIGATING DELIVERY ROBOT



The autonomously navigating robotic delivery system is a robot that is equipped with a lift mechanism for the contents being delivered. The primary use will be for hospitals to reduce the workload of healthcare staff.

#### A ROBUST FLEET OF GROUND ROBOTS AND DRONES FOR FOREIGN TERRITORY EXPLORATION



Fleet of ground robots and drones designed to explore unknown environments, with the purpose of finding, locating, and confirming resources for life.

## Cover Photos

All group members listed left to right, top to bottom. Front top left: Christianna Kuznetsova Front top right: Nyles Gamble Front bottom left: Jenna Wendt Front bottom middle: Andrea Olarte Front bottom right: Chad McClelland Front inside left: Front inside top right: Anthony Rodrigues Front inside bottom right: Graham Watson, Bhumit Patel, Chetan Patel, Pablo Vasconez Back inside bottom left: Kevin Weinreich Back inside bottom right: Kenneth Wang Back: Brandon Stiffler, Thomas Jakositz





## Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering at Rutgers

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at Rutgers was founded in 1908 with a focus on driving the country's industrial growth. Aerospace Engineering was added in 1965 as a certificate program with a full degree program established in 2015. It is now the only Aerospace Engineering degree offered among New Jersey's public universities. The Department offers both a standard Mechanical Engineering curriculum leading to a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering with optional Aerospace Engineering or Energy Systems concentrations, as well as a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering with an optional Energy Systems concentration. The Department has state of the art laboratories used for research leading to MS, MEng, and PhD degrees. Undergraduate and graduate students participate in cutting edge research funded by federal and state agencies, and industrial partners. With more than 30 full-time faculty members, the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department educates more than 780 undergraduate students and more than 200 graduate students. Excellence in both research and teaching is the top priority for our faculty.

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