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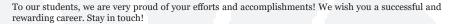
# NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

We are very excited that we are returning to campus for the 2022 Design and Manufacturing Expo after two years of virtual events! During this year's Expo, more than 40 groups will present their exciting projects, guided by our faculty. In addition, this event is a unique opportunity for our students to showcase their talent, innovation, ingenuity, teamwork, and engagement.

The Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department is a vibrant academic community offering three undergraduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and Applied Science (Packaging Engineering concentration). In addition, the Department offers graduate/advanced programs leading to M.S., M.Eng., and Ph.D. degrees.

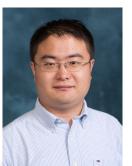
Our 35+ full-time faculty members educate more than 750 undergraduate and 160 graduate students. Our community of students, faculty, alumni, and industry partners is devoted to collaborative work at the highest standards of research and innovation. Our faculty member is dedicated to helping our students achieve success and become problem solvers and innovators. Students have access to a wide range of classes that train them in the core principles of mechanical and aerospace engineering. In addition, they can participate in research projects as undergraduates, allowing them to gain experience in real-world applications comparable to research conducted by industry. 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 the American Academy of Mechanics (AAM). Our Department has an exciting and multidisciplinary research portfolio, which includes advancing scientific knowledge and technology in various areas, including nanostructures, autonomous robotics, electro-hydrodynamics, fluid interactions, energy science, and advanced materials, among many others.

We are grateful to all judges for their sustained commitment and participation in this event and our external Advisory Board for its dedicated support through the planning and execution. Thanks to all the faculty advisors, including Prof. Assimina Pelegri and Prof. Xi Gu, for leading and coordinating the entire Senior Project Experience. To our staff, particularly Dr. Basily Basily and Mr. Milan Simonovic, for their technical advice in reviewing designs and manufacturing project components.



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





# NOTE FROM THE COORDINATORS

Dear students, parents, and friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at Rutgers! In the following pages, you will find the Senior Design projects for AY 2021-22. During these projects, students have the opportunity to work with industry and faculty advisors, 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.

To our seniors, we celebrate your accomplishments and appreciate your efforts. Despite the challenges of Covid 19, your class achieved record numbers in engaging in professional and educational development activities, including internships and co-Ops, JJ Slade fellowships, and undergraduate research opportunities. You are now at the finishing line, ready to explore the many "tomorrows" to come. Many of you will continue your education in the BS/ MS program at Rutgers or pursue higher degrees at other institutions, and many of you, at the time of this letter, have secured jobs. We are very proud of you and what you have accomplished under these difficult circumstances. We know that this was not easy for many of you, but again you raised to the occasion, and you showed how innovative, entrepreneur, and resourceful our young MAE engineers are. Use the inspiration and ingenuity you exhibited in your classes to propel you in the next chapters of your lives!

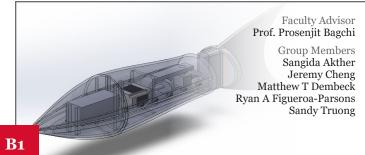
We would also like to express our gratitude to the course teaching assistants, Mr. Hang Zhang and Mr. Mohit Agarwal, whose hard work and dedication made senior design experience possible.

This brochure is a record of your achievements! Congratulations, Class of 2022!

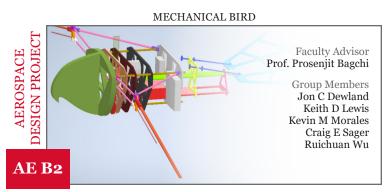
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### MECHANICAL FISH

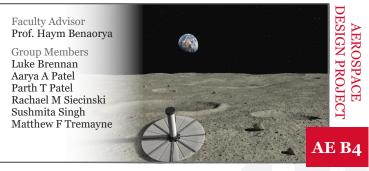


A submersible robot, capable of moving itself forward and turning through water via fish-like tail undulations, allowing for covert movement deep underwater to advance exploration and promote a greater understanding of the marine world.



The design and manufacturing of a mechanical bird capable of producing lift to fly, mimicking real life designs of birds.

### INFLATABLE LUNAR HABITAT

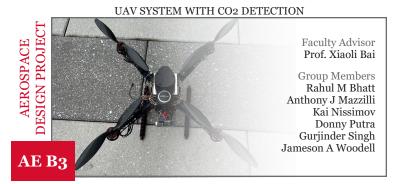


Our project focuses on demonstrating an inflatable lunar habitat proof-of-concept originating from the hybrid lunar inflatable structure approach by creating a scaled down prototype of said structure from scratch.

### DESIGN AND TESTING OF A DRONE TO CONDUCT ZERO-G EX-PERIMENTS



The goal of this project is the design, analysis, fabrication and testing of a small quad-copter unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to act as a platform to conduct Zero-G experiments



An autonomous drone equipped with CO<sub>2</sub> sensor, Pixhawk controller, Raspberry Pi and LiDAR sensor that can collect and transmit CO<sub>2</sub> levels from a desired route to parent computer.



An autonomous multi-UAV delivery system using a fixed-wing airplane carrying a quadcopter over long distances. On arrival the quadcopter undocks, drops off the payload, and re-docks, allowing the system to continue its journey without landing.



### AIRCRAFT STABILITY AND CONTROL DERIVATIVES

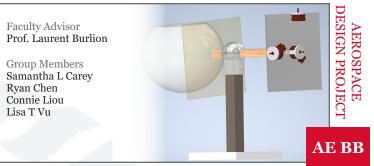


This project determines the stability and control characteristics of an aircraft using on-board motion sensors to create mathematical models. Thus, the resulting motion will be related to the corresponding deflection of control surfaces.



Custom-built, remote-controlled, table-top sized terrain walker fully powered by solar panels, designed to quickly navigate various terrain without wheels while carrying a small payload.

### SATELLITE TESTBED FOR ZERO-G FLIGHT



Many modern spacecraft rely on large propellant tanks whose fluid dynamics greatly affect the spacecraft dynamics. Our team is developing an active slosh controls test bench using to characterize and stabilize a sloshing fluid motion.

### DESIGN OF A BIOMECHANICAL HAND

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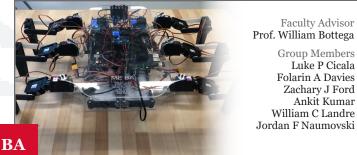


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The design and manufacturing of an electro-mechanical, silicon prosthetic hand using soft robotic techniques. The focus will be on the mechanical functions of a human hand by incorporating movement through Arduino board programming.

### SOLAR POWERED TERRAIN WALKER



A 6-legged solar-powered robotic crawler that can traverse rugged terrain and carry an 8 oz. payload using an ABS structure, a solar panel, servos, servo drivers, buck converters, LiPo batteries, and a Raspberry Pi.

### NON-DESTRUCTIVE MATERIALS TESTING DEVICE

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The non-destructive material identification device will be able to electronically determine the type of material using the displacement under a given load.



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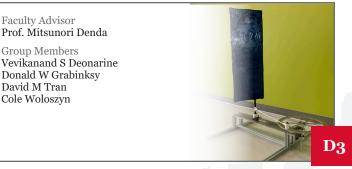
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### SYNTHETIC JET ACTUATOR



A synthetic jet actuator is a device that can be used to enhance the performance of an airfoil at high angles of attack when flow separation is a concern.

### BIO INSPIRED FLAPPING WING ENERGY HARVESTER

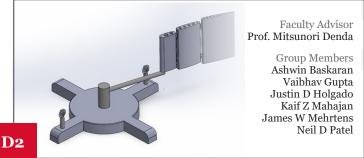


This energy harvester simulates a flapping motion via a symmetrical airfoil that is guided by a linear rail and coupled to a flywheel via a crank-shaft. This spins a generator that charges a battery.



In partnership with NASA, our project endeavors to bridge the gap between lab research and the commercialization of synthetic jets by creating a modular model and driving circuit for testing system-level integration, robustness, and reliability.

### FLAPPING WING ENERGY HARVESTER

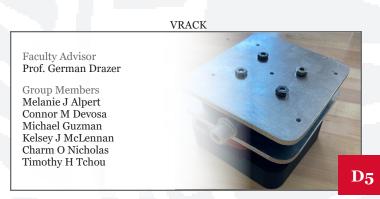


Our objective is to design and construct a wind energy harvester considering the newly discovered advanced flapping wing aerodynamics that birds use to move the air five times more efficiently than man-made applications.

### HEXACOPTER DRONE WITH MECHANICAL CLAW



A hexacopter has a mechanical claw system with the purpose of picking up and delivering medical supplies. The drone features a servo motor-driven 3D printed mechanical claw to clamp down on supply packages.



A bike pedal designed to aid in rehabilitating stroke patients that measures applied force. Victims of stroke suffer lack of mobility in one side of their body and stationary bikes are frequently used in rehabilitation.



### AUTOMATED GANTRY FOR FRAGILE OBJECTS



Tabletop automated gantry system using Arduino sensors and motors to move fragile objects within an assembly line in a XZ coordinate system.

### DESALINATION DEVICE



This device is designed to evaporate the salt water using the sunlight that will be concentrated on an aluminum heat chamber in order to yield clean, drinkable water.

### HYBRID MANUFACTURING OF CUSTOMIZED KNEE IMPLANT



The original design, manufacturing, and analysis of a customizable knee implant. This project uses 3-dimensional design software, 3-dimensional printing in metal and polymer materials, machining of parts, and analysis software for product stress testing.

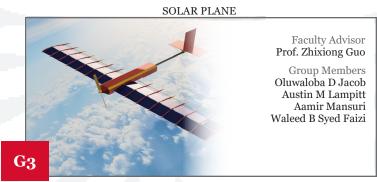


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This hybrid system utilizes a wind turbine and a photovoltaic panel to generate electricity. A wind-powered pump cycles water through a heat exchanger which cools the PV panel and generates hot water for use.



Solar powered aircraft intended for long range or indefinite flight depending on flight conditions. Allows for long mission time flights ideal for surveillance and cinematography.

### WIND AND SOLAR POWERED WATER HEATER AND FILTRA-TION SYSTEM

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Water filtration and heating system is powered by solar and wind energy. The wind energy pumps the water and generates electricity for the control system. The solar energy is used to heat up the water.



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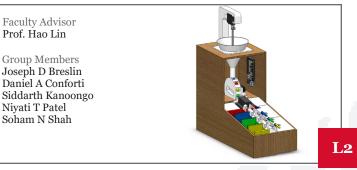
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### TABLETOP SUBSONIC WIND TUNNEL



The project objective is to design and manufacture a subsonic wind tunnel small enough to fit on a tabletop. It must provide various measurements, including air velocity, aerodynamic lift, and aerodynamic drag.

### TABLETOP COLOR BASED SORTER

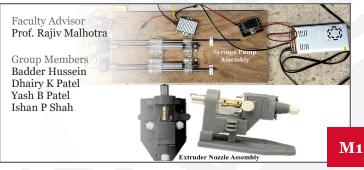


The tabletop color based sorter uses a color sensor to detect a small sphere that passes through a funnel and wheel. Servo motors are used to push objects into their respective receptacles.

# TABLETOP SUBSONIC WIND TUNNEL Faculty Advisor Prof. Doyle D. Knight Group Members Catherine C Biava Ronan A Laaouina K1

Our project is a wind tunnel that will be affordable and accessible for students to use in future aerospace engineering labs.

### 3D PRINTER FOR THERMOPLASTIC MATERIALS

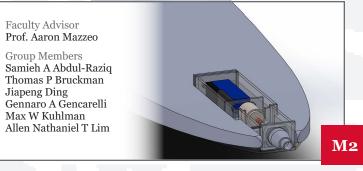


Creating a 3D Printer that can efficiently print thermosets using a DIW (Direct In Writing) approach on a heated platform using a free flow nozzle and curing through frontal polymerization.



The physical information processor modularly sorts a random mass of objects by color. Objects are linearized into a single stream using a vibratory bowl feeder and then color-sorted using a sensor to activate motorized gates.

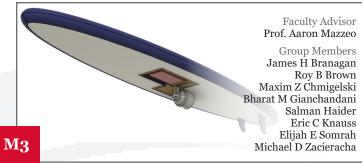
### PROPULSION UNIT FOR SURFBOARDS OF VARYING SIZE



Customized surfboard equipped with a water jet thruster that is controlled by the user. This would assist those who struggle with catching waves by providing them with an initial boost of thrust.



### RETRACTABLE SURFBOARD PROPULSION UNIT



A retractable motor integrated into the underside of a surfboard, meant to propel surfers through the water to any waves they want to catch, saving them the time and energy of paddling.

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Dynamic vibration absorber is a theoretical project on how a secondary mass dampener can absorb unwanted vibrational energy from an inital mass to create an efficient system.

### VACUUM TUBE SOLAR STEAM GENERATOR



We are designing a machine that can generate steam from water and solar energy, have it at a constant pressure and then condense it back to water.

### MECHANICAL DEVICE FOR TRANSDERMAL DRUG & GENE DELIVERY

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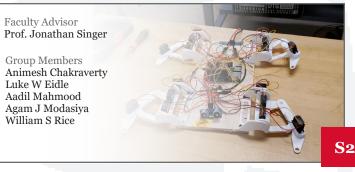


This device stretches skin and measures its displacement and the force applied to aid in the rearch of transdermal drug delivery.

# RFR BRAKE DYNAMOMETER Faculty Advisor Prof. Assimina Pelegri Group Members Dahany D Choi Kishan P Patel Gregory Scatko Asaad I Shaikh

The brake dynamometer is designed to measure the coefficient of friction of different brake pad materials. This permits the independent validation of manufacturer's specifications and the ability to compare braking performance for various applications.

### GECKO-INSPIRED WALL CLIMBING ROBOT

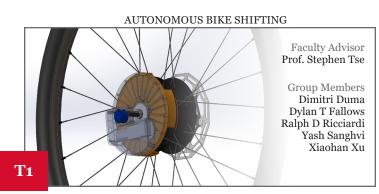


This gecko-inspired robot is capable of climbing walls using an adhesive footpad. It's main purpose is using attachable sensors to replace human workers in the inspection industry.



# GECKO-LIKE FOOT PAD Faculty Advisor Prof. Jonathan Singer Group Members Gaurav Aggarwal Darrel D D'Souza Sydney R Jenkins Alex B Liu Catherine J Nachtigal

Inspired by the hierarchical structure of a gecko's foot, this project uses molding and electrospray deposition techniques to develop micro- and nanostructures, respectively, on a gelatin pad to enhance its adhesive properties for robotic applications.



A bicycle equipped with mechanics, electronics, and a control system programmed to allow a rear CVT hub to shift to an optimal value without any user input similar to an automatic transmission.

### HIGH STRENGTH, LIGHT WEIGHT SPHERICAL PRESSURE VESSEL WITH FIBER- REINFORCED COMPOSITES

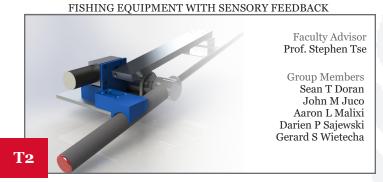


A spherical pressure vessel was constructed using carbon fiber filaments and epoxy resin. The epoxy resin is applied to a spherical mold and carbon fiber filaments are wound around the sphere and cured with air.

### A SMART FERTILIZER MACHINE FOR URBAN ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING



Smart machine to convert organic waste into usable energy in the form of biogas and fertilizer. The project also aims to automate this process lessening user interaction and shortening expected time to compost food waste.



A haptic fishing system allowing people with physical disabilities to have a fulfilling and satisfying endeavor by developing a mechanism to lower the physical requirements while also providing sensory feedback to the user.











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### 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 is a vibrant academic community offering three undergraduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and Applied Science (Packaging Engineering concentration). The Department has state of the art laboratories used for research leading to M.S., M.Eng., and Ph.D. degrees. Undergraduate and graduate students participate in cutting edge research funded by federal and state agencies, and industrial partners. With more than 35 full-time faculty members, the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department educates more than 750 undergraduate students and more than 160 graduate students. Excellence in both research and teaching is the top priority for our faculty.

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