

# Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering 2024 Design and Manufacturing Expo

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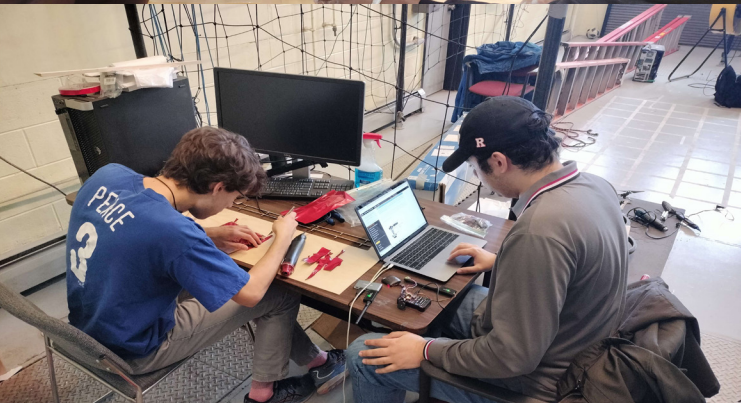
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# NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear cherished members of our community,

We are thrilled about the 2024 Design and Manufacturing Expo. During this year's Expo, 47 groups will present their exciting projects, guided by our faculty and industrial partners. 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 programs 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. Forty full-time faculty members educate more than 900 undergraduate and 150 graduate students. Together, we form a vibrant community that includes students, faculty, alums, and industry partners, all committed to collaborative endeavors driven by the highest standards of research and innovation. Our faculty members are passionately dedicated to empowering students to excel and evolve into adept problem solvers and trailblazers. Our students benefit from extensive courses designed to instill the fundamental principles of mechanical and aerospace engineering. They can engage in undergraduate research projects, providing invaluable hands-on experience in real-world applications akin to industry-level research. Our faculty has achieved distinction among their peers and as fellows of professional engineering societies, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), American Physical Society (APS), Acoustical Society of America (ASA), and 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, hypersonics, 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's dedicated support through the planning and execution. Thanks to all the faculty advisors for leading and coordinating the Senior Project Experience. To our staff, particularly Dr. Basily Basily, Mr. Milan Simonovic, and Mr. Ioan-Mihai Gradina, for their technical advice in reviewing designs and manufacturing project components.

To our students, we are very proud of your efforts and accomplishments! We wish you a successful and rewarding career. Stay in touch!

Assimina A. Pelegri, Ph.D.  
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# 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 2023-24. During these projects, students can 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.

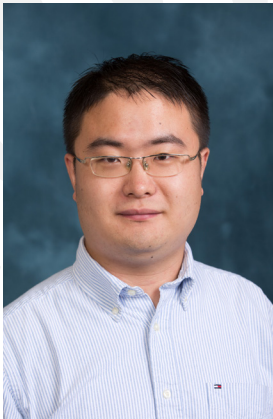
To our seniors, we celebrate your accomplishments and appreciate your efforts. Your class achieved record numbers in engaging in professional and educational development activities, including internships and co-ops, JJ Slade fellowships, and undergraduate research opportunities. You are now at the finishing line, ready to explore the many "tomorrows." 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 your accomplishments in the last four years. We know this was not easy for many of you, but again, you rose to the occasion and showed how innovative, entrepreneurial, 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, Mohit Agarwal, Rituparna Mohanty, and Chengwei Zhao, whose hard work and dedication made senior design experience possible.

This brochure is a record of your achievements! Congratulations, Class of 2024!

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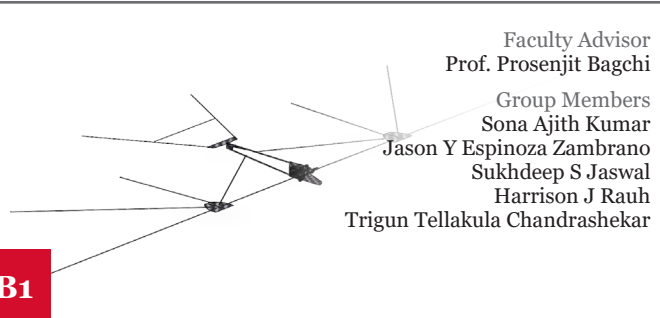
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# DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PROJECTS

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DESIGN PROJECT

## MECHANICAL BIRD



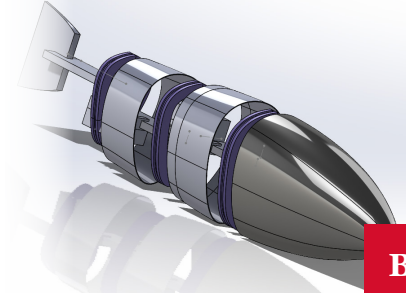
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**AE B1**

A mechanical bird capable of generating lift to sustain flight. Based off a seagull, biomimicry and mechanics are used to create this piece of avian-inspired machine.

## MECHANICAL FISH



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**B4**

A mechanical fish prototype that can swim in a straight line automatically using Arduino code and make turns using undulatory motions, with battery power.

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DESIGN PROJECT

## PROJECT FIREFLY



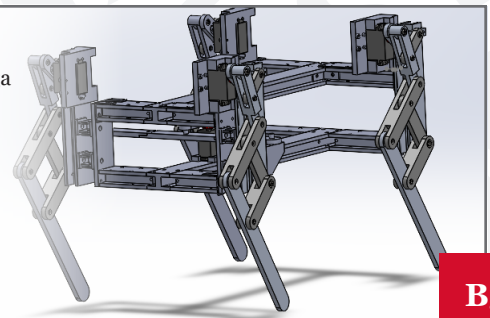
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**AE B2**

A long range, unmanned aerial vehicle designed for inflight aerosol measurements and sampling for wildfire monitoring. Capable of autonomous, real-time aerosol monitoring for fire evacuation, flame front monitoring, and air sample collection for further analysis.

## SOLAR POWERED TERRAIN WALKER



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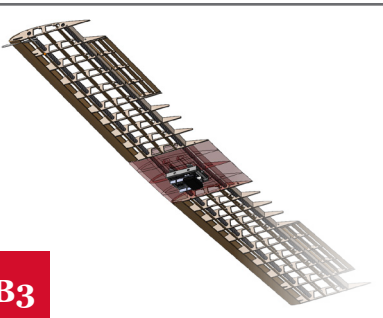
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**B5**

The challenge of our project is to design a solar powered terrain walker. The walker uses a chebyshev mechanism to produce forward motion. The walker is charged by a solar panel attached at the top.

AEROSPACE  
DESIGN PROJECT

## INTEGRATED TELEMETRY SYSTEM FOR AIRCRAFT STABILITY AND CONTROL DERIVATIVE CALCULATIONS



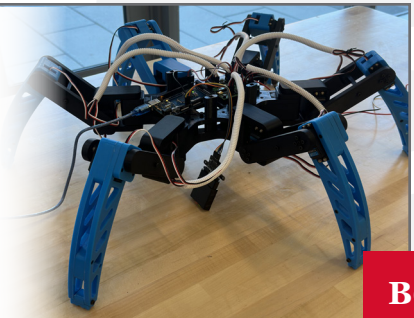
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**AE B3**

The Modular Aircraft Communication Hardware System (MACHS) is an arduino-based flight telemetry logger capable of live data transmission. Using MACHS, testing programs can be conducted to calculate aircraft stability and control derivatives empirically.

## SOLAR POWERED TERRAIN WALKER: ADVANCING ROBOTIC EXPLORATION AND MOBILITY



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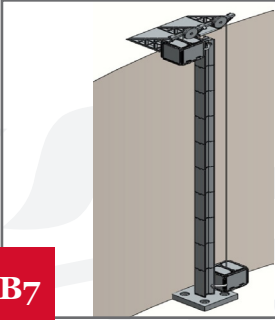
**B6**

This project aims to develop a solar-powered walking vehicle meeting specifications like a 1.5-foot height limit, autonomous obstacle avoidance, and an 8-ounce payload. It will race a rival team, utilizing solar energy stored onboard.

# DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PROJECTS

## MECHANISM TO TRANSPORT HUMANS AND CARGO INTO AND OUT OF A LUNAR LAVA TUBE

AEROSPACE DESIGN PROJECT



**AE B7**

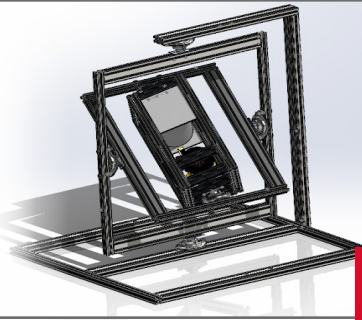
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Our group has undertaken the task of designing a machine capable of moving equipment and astronauts into and out of a lava tube on the Moon, where future Lunar colonists are expected to inhabit.

## ZERO-GRAVITY FLIGHT EXPERIMENT TO EXPLORE THE PROPELLANT SLOSHING PROBLEM

AEROSPACE DESIGN PROJECT



**AE BC**

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To further sloshing-control research, a testbench structure is designed that rotates a cube-satellite in 3 DOF to monitor the sloshing of the propellant while simulating a zero-gravity flight and handling 9 g's of acceleration.

## FLYING EXOSUIT

AEROSPACE DESIGN PROJECT



**AE BA**

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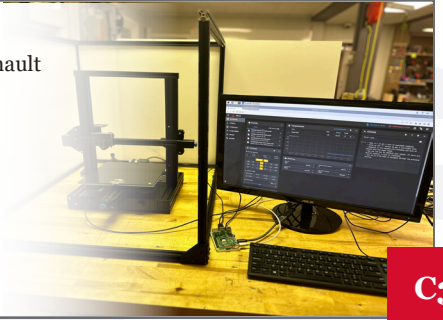
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The Flying Exosuit project develops a tail-sitter quadcopter for efficient two-kilogram payload transport, seamlessly transitioning between VTOL and horizontal glide. Utilizing advanced aerodynamic and electronic analyses, it pioneers human-like flight.

## ADVANCED POLARIZATION UNIT FOR SMART MATERIAL PROCESSING

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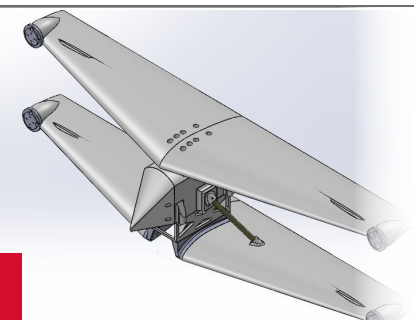


**C3**

Designing a novel automatic polarization benchtop system for piezoelectric materials to replace contact techniques, aiming for efficiency and scalability in mass manufacturing while accommodating at least four by four-inch samples.

## EXOSKELETON FLYING SUIT

AEROSPACE DESIGN PROJECT



**BB**

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The exoskeleton aims to transport a human while being similarly sized. This project is a scaled down version using electricity to power its flight. It will transition from vertical takeoff to horizontal flight and back

## ACTIVE FLOW CONTROL USING SYNTHETIC JET ACTUATORS IN AN RC AIRPLANE

AEROSPACE DESIGN PROJECT



**AE D1**

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Embedding piezoelectric synthetic jet actuators in the top of an RC plane wing to delay boundary layer separation therefore delaying stall and increasing high angle-of-attack efficiency.

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DESIGN PROJECT

## DESIGN OF NOVEL BI-PROPELLANT ROCKET ENGINE INJECTOR PLATE



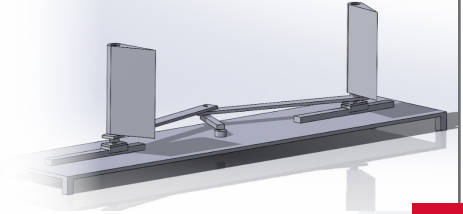
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**AE D2**

Rutgers' inaugural rocket engine program focuses on designing and testing four prototype injector plates, aiming to identify the most effective model for ongoing production in their pioneering Bi-Propellant Rocket system initiative

## BIO-INSPIRED FLAPPING WING ENERGY HARVESTER



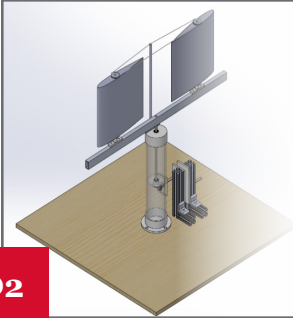
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**D3**

BIFWEH improves traditional wind turbines with a compact, cost-effective, experimental energy harvesting solution, overcoming infrastructure, cost, and space constraints. It aims to revolutionize renewable energy by providing a sustainable alternative for wind energy collection.

## BIO-INSPIRED FLAPPING WING ENERGY HARVESTER



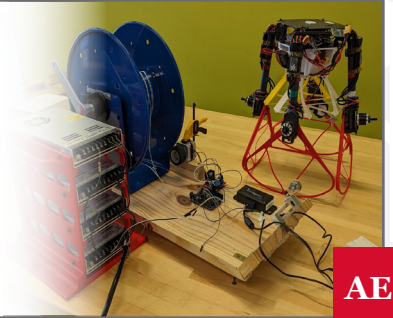
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**D2**

Innovate wind energy by mimicking the flapping movements of birds and insects. The design is a single beam with two flaps that rotate to create flap motion that drives spindle and gear motors to generate electricity.

## TETHER SYSTEM FOR A WEATHER MONITORING DRONE



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**AE D4**

This project is a tether system that continuously powers a weather monitoring drone at altitudes up to 200 feet. It consists of a cable and an automated reel that manages tension in the tether wire.

## STAYING STABLE - KEEPING OUR COOL DURING HIGH SPEED FLIGHTS



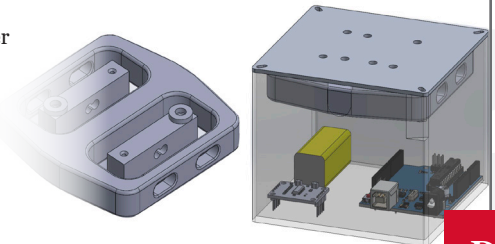
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**AE D3**

RRPL's two-stage rocket has struggled with static stability due to opposing forces, and with drag at supersonic speeds. Through research, we created a custom airfoil and fin shapes to optimize stability without compromising drag.

## VIRTUAL REALITY CYCLING KIT (VRACK)



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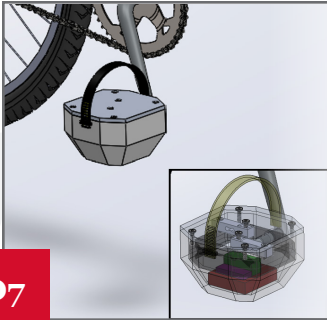
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**D5**

Strokes often affect balance causing coordination loss. Stationary bikes aid coordination improvement, yet lack feedback mechanisms. VRACK solves this with specialized pedals linked to virtual reality, offering feedback for patients improvement and better progress monitoring.

# DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PROJECTS

## VRACK



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D7

A virtual reality cycling kit comprised of two electronic pedals and a virtual reality environment. Designed to provide feedback to its user regarding right or left leg strength imbalances to serve as an affordable option for stroke rehabilitation.

## LAYER-WISE OPTICAL INSPECTION OF ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURED PARTS



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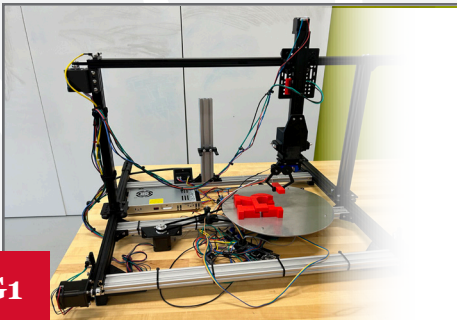
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G5

Our group will study the effects of printing temperatures and cooling times between layers on the overall strength of the print

## G.A.M.T.R.Y: A MULTI-FUNCTION 3D GANTRY ROBOT



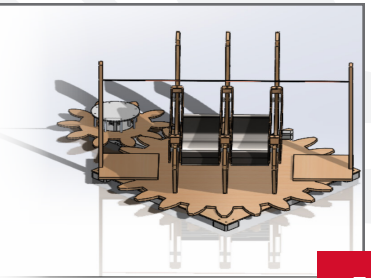
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G1

A modified gantry capable of performing different functions related to the manufacturing of items. The gantry autonomously switches functions to manufacture products without human intervention once commands have been sent in.

## CONCENTRATED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM



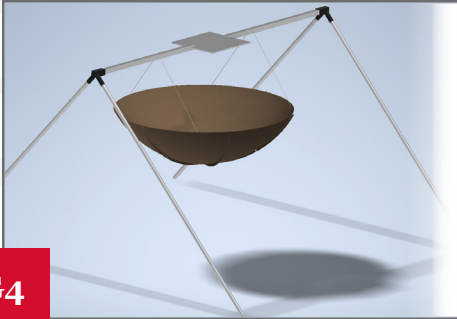
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J1

Revolutionary concentrated solar collector system utilizing advanced technology to concentrate and track sunlight, converting it into high-efficiency, renewable water energy to store for various industrial and residential purposes while reducing environmental impact.

## SOLAR POWERED GRILL



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G4

To contribute to our planet's sustainability, our solar powered grill reduces emissions compared to traditional grilling methods. With easy assembly, our project harnesses solar energy through a parabolic mirror to concentrate heat onto a cooking platform

## WIND ENERGY SYSTEM



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J2

This is an automated hydroponic system powered by a wind turbine which controls the amount of water pumping through the system. It also incorporates sensors to record temperature and battery charge.

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DESIGN PROJECT

## LIGHTER THAN AIR SURVEILLANCE VEHICLE



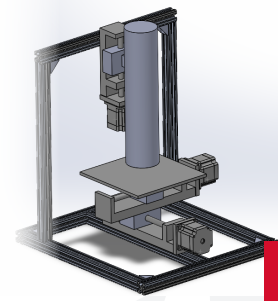
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AE K1

Design and build a remote-operated surveillance balloon which is capable of loitering in an area for extended periods of time and transmitting live feed to the ground.

## 3D PRINTER FOR THERMOPLASTIC PELLET EXTRUDER



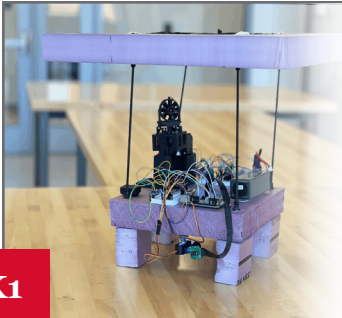
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L2

Our 3D Printer is created to print thermoplastic with pellets as feedstock to eliminate waste. Our robust movement system allows for unconventional movement to ensure temperature and structural stability for heavy loads and high temperatures.

## LIGHTER-THAN-AIR SURVEILLANCE VEHICLE



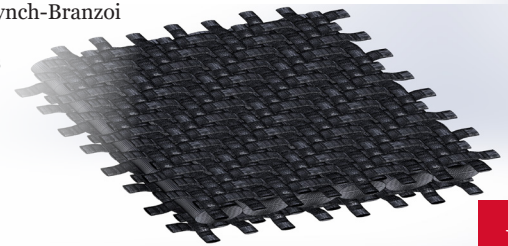
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K1

A lighter-than-air surveillance vehicle capable of wireless video transmission, fine movement control, and multi-directional travel. Our vehicle is capable of collecting environmental data.

## ARMOR ENHANCED WITH SHEAR THICKENING FLUID



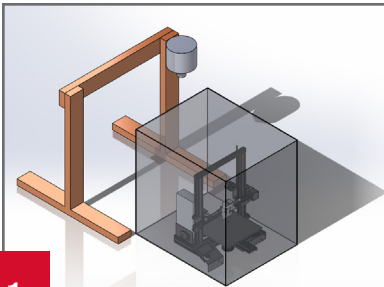
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An experimental liquid armor developed involving a combination of features from previous designs in order to reduce the impact felt by blunt trauma while keeping armor thickness low.

## 3D PRINTER FOR ELASTOMERIC COMPOSITES



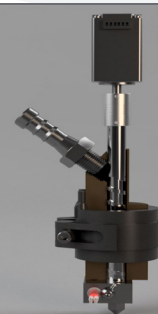
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L1

Developing a novel 3D printer for graphene-rich thermosets, featuring a unique pump system and high-viscosity mixing chamber, aimed at creating advanced elastomer sensors with automation capabilities for enhanced usability and innovation in sensor technology.

## 3D PRINTER USING PELLET EXTRUSION



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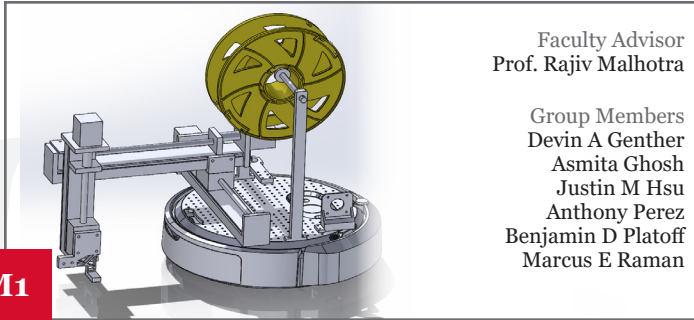
L4

Developing a novel 3D printer head capable of storing plastic pellets and extruding them at high temperatures for improved materials science research.



# DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PROJECTS

## MOBILE 3D PRINTING SOLUTION FOR THERMOPLASTIC MATERIALS



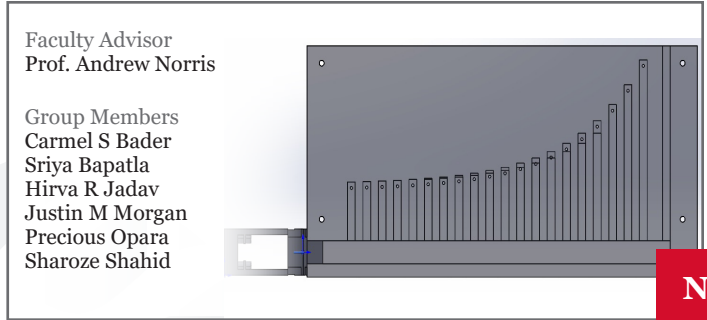
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M1

This project builds upon a prototype of a mobile autonomous 3D printer to improve its printing range and functionality— specifically expanding its print capability in the cardinal directions and optimizing its movement.

## WORKING MODEL OF THE HUMAN COCHLEA



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N1

This project is an educational working hydrodynamic model of mechanical sound wave filtering in the human cochlea. It demonstrates Békésy's classical passive wave theory, which is fundamental to understanding cochlear mechanics.

## MOTORIZED FIN SURFBOARD PROPULSION UNIT



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Joseph L O'Donnell

M2

A propeller and motor designed to fit into a fin that easily attaches to any surfboard. Meant to assist new and experienced surfers catch any wave they desire, saving energy and time for maximum enjoyment.

## RUTGERS FORMULA RACING IN-HUB MOTOR



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P1

An electric motor drivetrain consists of a planetary gearbox, hub, and brake-integrated system. The system is designed to operate independently, enabling two- and four-wheel drive for Rutgers Formula Racing's race car.

## SURFBOARD PROPULSION



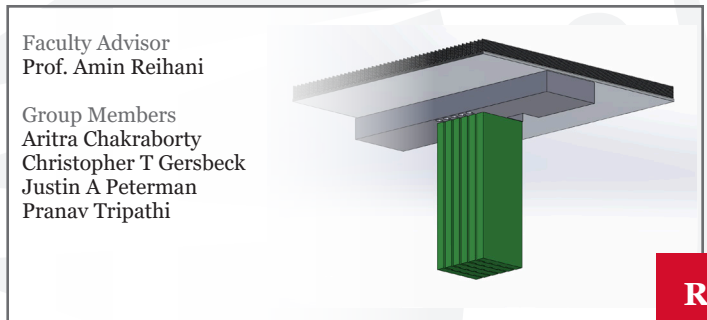
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M3

Innovative slingshot for Wavestorm surfboards! Designed for easy activation with a simple button press, it provides an extra 154 pounds of thrust, helping surfers catch waves effortlessly.

## ADVANCED THERMAL MANAGEMENT SOLUTION FOR BATTERY FAST CHARGING



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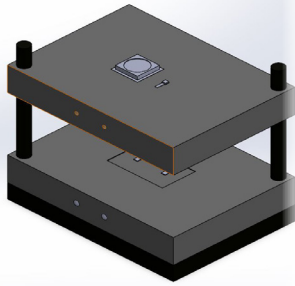
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R1

Developing an advanced thermal management solution utilizing copper heat pipes to optimize battery performance during rapid charging, enhancing safety, efficiency, and lifespan in electric vehicles.

# DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PROJECTS

## TEST SETUP THERMAL CHARACTERIZATION OF BATTERY CELLS



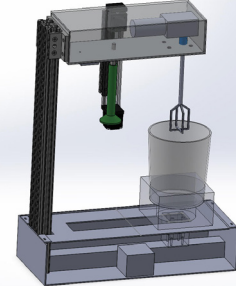
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R2

The purpose of the test setup is to measure through and across-plane thermal conductivity of lithium-ion batteries by heating up batteries with a PTC heater and measuring their temperatures at various points using thin-film thermistors.

## MULTIPLE METRIC DEVICE FOR MIXEDNESS OF DENSE PASTES



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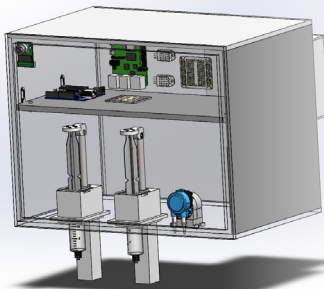
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S2

Developing a device utilizing torque, texture analyzing, and optical analysis to assess mixedness of dense pastes, targeting manufacturing efficiency and accuracy.

## AUTOMATED INDOOR GROWING SYSTEM



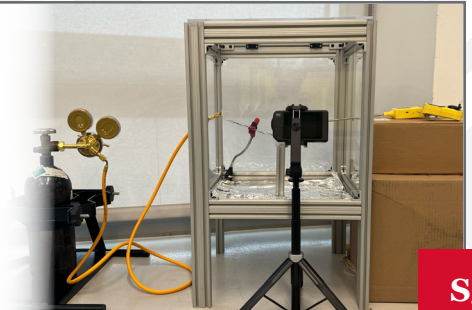
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R3

An indoor growing system that uses hydroponics coupled with sensors, actuators, and Raspberry Pi to adjust the conditions of the enclosed environment to grow plants in optimal conditions and alert the user of plant status.

## TEST SAMPLE BURNING BOX (TSBB)



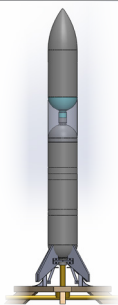
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S5

The MINET materials manufactured in Dr. Singer's Laboratory present interesting potential for extracting and moving high amounts of energy. With our partners at Picatinny Arsenal, we built a combustion chamber to safely observe their properties.

## WORLD RECORD SETTING WATER ROCKET



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AE S1

Group AE\_S1's is attempting to beat the world record of a multi-stage water rocket with the altitude surpassing 1100 feet. Our current design has a boat tail design with fins and three interconnected 2L bottles.

## DASHERS: THE AUTOMATED FOOSBALL TABLE



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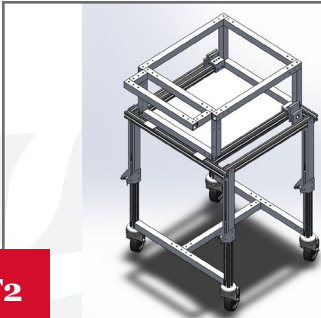
T1

DASHERS is an automated foosball table that transforms the game of foosball through high-powered mechanics and advanced robotic computing. Real-time visual data powers a speedy and accurate competitive experience for all skill levels.

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## THE SMARTY CART



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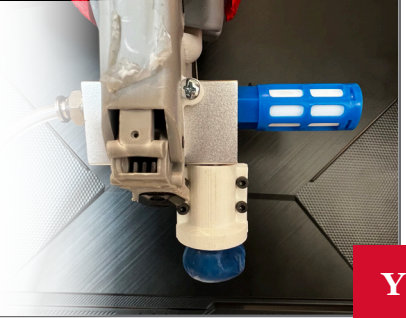
T2

The Smarty Cart is a personal shopping cart for consumers to make grocery shopping faster and more efficient. You will never have to use reusable grocery bags again!

## ROBOTIC GRIPPER

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Y1

We designed a pneumatic soft gripper to be attached to a robotic arm for fast manipulation of parts from a bin to a fixture.

## DESIGN OF A STRONG AND LIGHTWEIGHT CYLINDRICAL PRESSURE VESSEL USING CARBON FIBERS AND EPOXY RESIN



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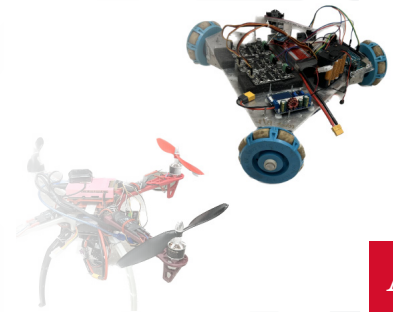
W1

Design of a cylindrical pressure vessel using carbon fibers and epoxy resin that is high in strength and lightweight by nature.

## AUTONOMOUS FLEET COLLABORATION FOR UNKNOWN TERRITORY EXPLORATION

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AE Z1

An autonomous drone provides a “map” of an area for the ground rovers to follow and bring the package to its destination.

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



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AE W2

A lightweight spherical pressure vessel made from carbon fiber-reinforced polymer composites. Our design utilizes a geodesic sphere as the internal structure with an interior rubber bladder.

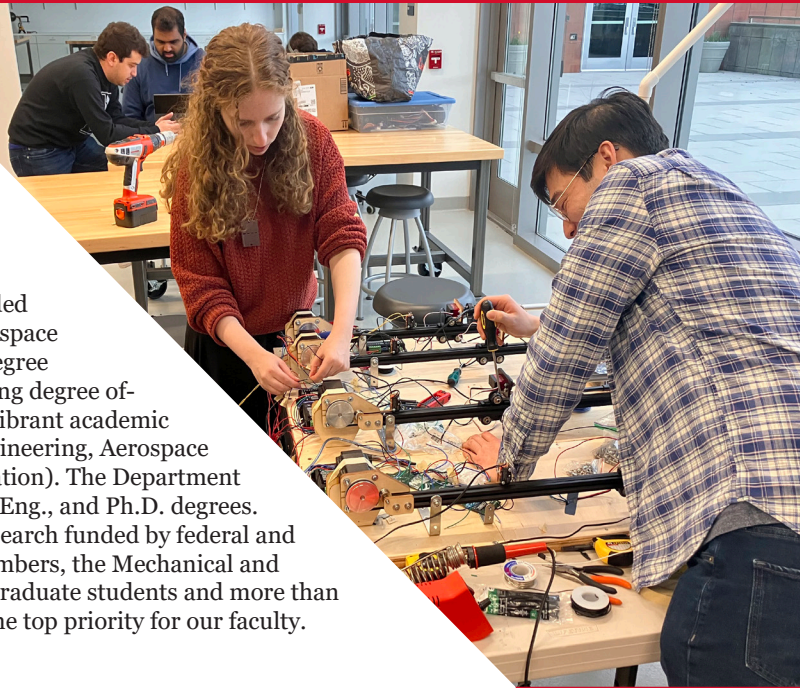
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