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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.

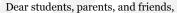
Excellence in teaching is a priority for our faculty members who take seriously their role as educators, training students to be problem solvers and innovators. Our faculty has achieved distinction among their peers and as fellows of professional engineering societies, including the American Society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

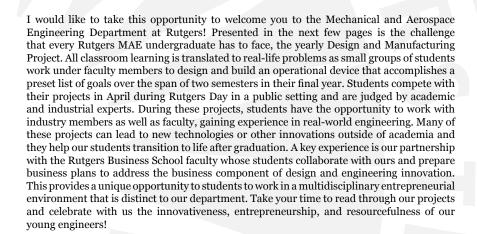


We invite you to join our Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering community in our sustained efforts to advance societal needs through the scientific and technological discovery & innovation, design, and manufacturing.

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

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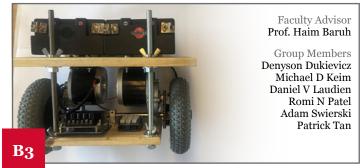




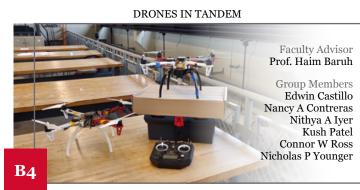
Assimina A. Pelegri, Ph.D. Professor and Undergradate Program Director Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering



WHEELCHAIR CONVERSION KIT



Goal of our project is to create a kit that will convert a conventional manual wheelchair into an electric wheelchair. In doing so we will create a cheaper alternative to electric wheelchairs on the market. This will force wheelchair manufacturers to create more affordable solutions to meet demand.



The purpose of this project to successfully build drones that fly in tandem. The first drone will be human controlled, and the second drone autonomously follows the first drone using computer vision and image tracking. The drones can be outfitted with cameras to survey large areas of land, with potential applications including forest fires, search and rescue, and other emergency services.



Fixed-wing UAV which utilizes solar energy and an onboard thermal detection systems, to limit its power consummation and extend its overall flight time. As well as an automated navigation system built into the flight controller.

WIND WALKER

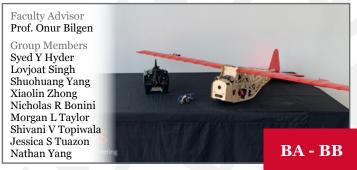
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The mission of designing a structure such as the Windwalker is a complex challenge. Weight, height, material compatibility, gear ratios, turbine lengths, leg modifications, friction, and stability all need to be evaluated in order to accomplish the task of developing a Windwalker that will be capable of moving in a linear formation while carrying a weight of 1 lb. In addition, a budget of \$650 cannot be exceeded.

MULTI-MODE HYBRID DELIVERY SYSTEM



The MMHDS utilizes a fixed-wing balsawood

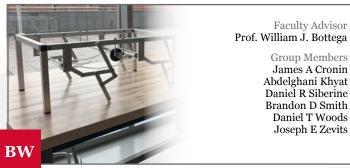
aircraft with onboard docking system to carry a multirotor drone long distances. The maneuverability of the drone is used to efficiently bring a package to the customer's doorstep.



The Solid-State Rotor project focuses on the stability and control aspect of a quadcopter drone. By implemented piezoelectric material on the propellers and modifying flight controller signals, the propellers' camber can be altered.



WIND WALKER

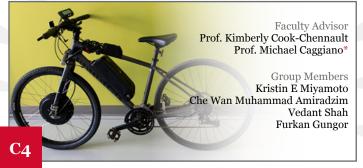


Due to the inevitable decay of utilizing non-renewable energy sources, renewable energy is starting to become the new normal to power devices. With our device it will utilize only wind energy to move. Which can then be used as a prototype for future designs.

BENCH PRESS NECK GUARD Faculty Advisor Prof. Xi Gu Group Members Harshitha V Gadangi Thomas E Garrity Samuel E Gruskiewicz Kyle Devine Patrick M Mccarthy

The bench press neck guard is a safety device that will protect a weightlifter's neck from serious injury if a barbell were to fall onto the user. The device is made of a steel bars, plastic lumber, and a latch system to attach itself to the bench. The steel bars will withstand most of the impact and will be the heaviest portion of the device. The lightweight plastic lumber makes the device more portable, so users can carry it with them when they go to the gym.

POWER BIKE



The electric bike uses regenerative braking to generate electricity and store it into an on-board battery. It has a hub motor that acts as the generator and would be used to also drive the bike.

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FLAPPING WING ENERGY HARVESTER

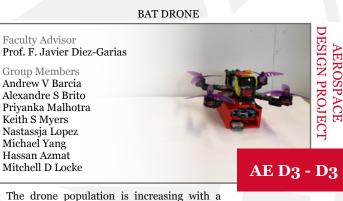


Climate change is a priority issue. Unlike windmills or solar farms, this bio-inspired flapping wing energy harvester is a machine designed to harvest wind energy for lower wind speeds. This model can be scaled up to provide energy for residential/commercial applications in order to reduce fossil fuel consumption.

FLAPPING WING WIND ENERGY HARVESTER

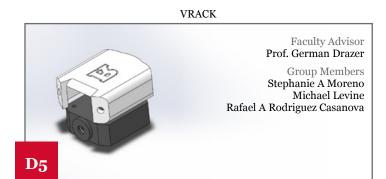


A Common practice for Engineers is to mimic the complexities of nature itself. This is highlighted in the BESTO, a bio-inspired flapping wing wind energy harvester. While typically unwanted in aspects of aeronautics, wing tip vortices can be utilized immensely for the purpose of energy harvesting. The BESTO uses these recent discoveries to increase efficiency and ultimately gain a leg up on other common wind-energy hardware.



need for a better way to maintain multiple drones in a single docking station. Drones will be able to be released and fly on command from docking station.





The VRACK is a virtual reality rehabilition cycle for post stroke patients. The pedals will measure the force each leg produces and show the corresponding forces in a VR environment. This will provide real-time feedback to post stroke patients.

TILT-WING ELECTRIC VTOL



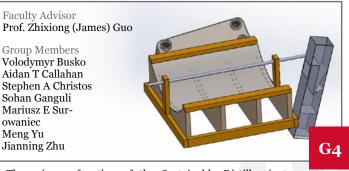
Design and manufacture prototype of a personalized electric V/STOL. It consists of four rotors attached to a tilting wing. The rotors provide vertical thrust for lift-off, once airborne the vehicle will transfer into forward flight.

HYBRID SOLAR-THERMOELECTRIC GENERATOR



Our project is a dual functional solar and thermoelectric generator. Its main purpose is to serve individuals who find themselves in situations without access to a reliable or any source of electricity, including those living in developing countries, who have lost power during natural disasters, or individuals who are camping. Our generator will allow one to charge or power low-power devices such as a laptop or smartphone.

SUSTAINABLE SALTWATER DISTILLER



The primary function of the Sustainable Distiller is to desalinate saltwater for potable use. It uses a parabolic trough solar collector and a mechanical flow metering system to perform this process.

MODEL ROCKET THRUST STAND



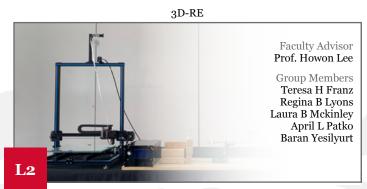
Our group is designing and fabricating a model rocket thrust stand, that utilizes a button load cell. The load cell captures thrust in the x-axis. This data is then transferred to an Arduino that can wirelessly send it to the computer. While capturing data, it is presented on a LabView interface. The data can be saved from LabView and sent to anyone. Additionally, our model rocket thrust stand is highly manufacturable, thus making it simple yet effective.

PAPER 3D PRINTER



This 3D printer produces an object through selective deposition lamination using recycled paper as the medium. Each layer of paper is applied glue, heated and compressed, and then cut into the desired shape.





This 3D printer uses recycled plastic bottles as the filament in an FDM printer. This process starts with cutting plastic bottles into thin ribbons with an automated device cuts the plastic into one long, flat strip. This filament will then be fed into a heated conical tube that will transform the geometry of the strip into one that is cylindrical. Once the geometry is transferred, the plastic will be fed into extruder on a cartesian 3D printer and printed with the standard FDM method.

CONVEYOR BELT BASED SORTER



Our conveyor belt sorting mechanism will contribute to creating a more efficient way of recycling metal scraps. The design utilizes chicaning in the organizing process and color detecting sensors in the sorting process.

PNEUMATIC SORTER



A conveyor belt based system which receives items with close geometric homogeneity and distinguishes them non invasively by topical finish using a sensor. The characterized items are carried by the conveyor belt to be separated into bins by pneumatic actuators responding to an Arduino signal.

ORTHOTIC POWER GRASPER GLOVE



Our project utilizes a hybrid design of a cable system, as well as pneumatically actuated inflatable bladders to assist in the opening and closing of a users hand. This process aids in the repetitive motion physical therapy exercises used to strengthen the grasp of people with sustained issues of motor control such as stroke patients.

CABLE-BASED FEEDING ASSISTANT



The cable-based feeding assistant is a robot that aids in feeding those who do not have full use of their arms. It is made up of two arms and a wrist joint that are run by a cable-based pulley system powered by stepper motors. The purpose of building a robot that is cable-based is to improve safety, control over the movements, and decrease the inertia by limiting movements.

ECS (EVAPORATIVE COOLING SYSTEM)



Our project was to design an evaporative-cooling system that can retrofit onto a pre-installed solar panel in order to increase the power output of the system. The idea is that the system would utilize water to cool down the panels.

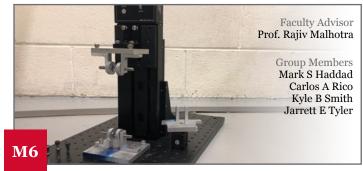


3D DUST PRINTER



Inspired by challenges in the construction of sustainable shelters in disaster stricken areas, the innovative 3D Dust Printer was developed to provide a way to construct structurally stable construction materials with limited resources. The printer operates by extruding a mix of local particulate materials and a resin, while simultaneously passing a UV light overhead to cure each layer.

TESTING CONDUCTIVE INTERCONNECTS ON FABRICS AND POLYMERS UNDER MECHANICAL DEFORMATION FOR FLEXIBLE ELECTRONICS.



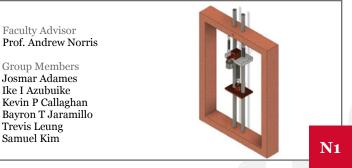
An all-in-one bending, tensional, and torsional material tester, to perform fatigue testing and resistance analysis on flexible polymer samples embedded with conductive metallic interconnects which allow the polymer to conduct a current.

3-D ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING



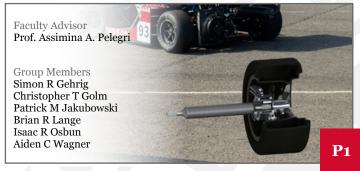
Our goal is to create a 3-D printer that prints using a two part epoxy mixture. Our epoxy printer will be embedded with continuous fibers, providing objects with stronger mechanical properties and high temperature resistance.

VIBRATIONAL MASS DAMPER MODEL

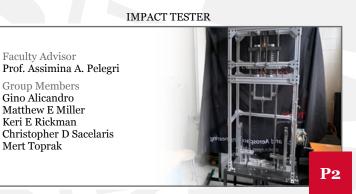


Construction of mass-spring model with motor and rotating mass that causes erratic shaking. That vibrational energy is counteracted or reduced by mass-spring damper attached to the model.

CARBON FIBER DRIVESHAFT



The CFRP driveshaft, designed, manufactured, and implemented by mechanical engineering students on the Rutgers FormulaSAE team was developed as a lightweight composite solution to replace steel counterparts using a composite tube bonded to steel attachments.



Our project focuses on the improvement of an impact tester built last year through design and fabrication efforts aimed at increasing durability and functionality as well as the addition of instrumentation to record test data.

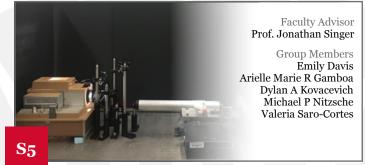


AIRCRAFT ENERGY HARVESTOR



The Aircraft Energy Harvester is an air deployed turbine system aimed to exploit high altitude wind speeds in order to produce renewable energy. This system is a clean alternative to portable gaspowered generators.

VARIABLE POLYMER LENS FOR METAL 3D PRINTING



We aim to increase throughput of metal 3D printing by sintering entire printing layers instantaneously. This is achieved by reflecting the desired image, generated via thermocapillary shearing, onto the metal powder bed.

AUTONOMOUS 1/10TH SCALE RACE CAR



This project designs and programs an RC rover to navigate an obstacle course autonomously. The car uses data inputted from a LIDAR sensor and is built to compete in the annual F1Tenth Autonomous Racing Competition.



Our project is a spherical robot that is capable of quickly rolling, stopping, and changing direction. Our ideal environment is a relatively smooth surface at a maximum incline/decline of 5 degrees relative to balance.

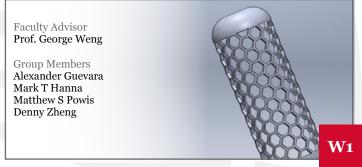
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EQUESTRIAN SIMULATOR



The Equestrian Simulator recreates the three standard dressage gaits: walk, trot, and canter. While the main objective is to train horseback riders, this simulator will also function as a tool for physical therapy.

HIGH STRENGTH FIBER-REINFORCED CYLINDRICAL PRESSURE VESSEL



A light weight carbon fibered cylindrical pressure vessel with high strength and durability attributes. Designed to withstand and hold various pressures based on application.



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



A lightweight, high-strength, composite overwrapped spherical pressure vessel made from a carbon fiber and epoxy matrix shell and a rubber interior bladder that is useful in aerospace applications.

AUTONOMOUS GRINDER



Autonomous Grinder that implements dry grinding by using a single grinding disc to grind and polish concrete floors. A vacuum is attached to the grinder to retrieve all the dust produced by the grinder.

SELF-STABILIZING SINGLE TRACK VEHICLE



Self-stabilizing single-track bicycle capable of maneuvering through narrow spaces and carrying payload. Ideal for situations where a bulky machine, drone, or person would not be efficient.

AN UAV-UGV-INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR A SCHOOL OF MOVING PLANTS IN 3-D



This project is aimed to let UAVs and UGVs work successfully by motor control and also work automatically. We want to let UAVs and UGVs hold plants when they are working to detect unknown places. This way is more effective than just using data to reflect the conditions of the searched places, because the condition to survive and grow of plants is more persuasive to show whether the places are safe for living or not.

UNIVERSAL THERMAL IMAGING KIT



This project aims to create a low cost, universal,

thermal imaging kit to attach to any drone. With this kit, a drone will gain the capability to stream thermal images to the user. The 3-D printed kit will hold a thermal camera for imaging, a raspberry pi for saving the video feed, a transmitter to send the video feed to a user, a GPS transmitter to record location, and a battery to power these components.



This long range search and rescue platform has combined the hovering capabilities of a quadcopter with the high efficiency of an airplane to acheive a powerful combination boasting the fastest transition time in the industry.



ROCKET ENGINE THRUST STAND



The Rocket Engine Thrust Stand accurately and safely measures the thrust of model rocket engines. It will be used as a laboratory experiment to provide future engineering students hands on experience with rocket propulsion.

MODEL ROCKET ENGINE THRUST STAND



A stand capable of measuring 5-50 N of thrust from various model rocket engines with an accuracy of $\pm 5\%$. The data is wirelessly transmitted to the computer interface where it can be graphed and analyzed.

Collaboration with the Rutgers Business School

We would like to thank the instruction team for the Tech Ventures course offered by the Rutgers Business School for their support throughout our collaboration with them.

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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 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 fulltime 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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