SENIOR DESIGN DAY ‘24

Wednesday, May 1st • 1 – 4 PM • Viejas Arena
Welcome to the San Diego State University College of Engineering’s Spring 2024 Senior Design Day at Viejas Arena. We are proud to have our seniors showcase the projects they have conceived, designed, and built during the 2023-24 Academic Year. The senior design teams represent our Senior Design classes in Aerospace Engineering, Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations to our student teams on their innovative design projects, which display the culmination of the technical knowledge they have developed during their studies in the College of Engineering. These projects prepare students with the expertise necessary to tackle critical world problems and skills that will springboard them into successful engineering careers. Through this experience, our students learn to apply and develop critical thinking skills, recognize human and societal needs, and design novel engineering solutions.

We are grateful to our many sponsors for their generous support of these student projects, such as J.R. Filanc Construction Company, Parsons, Solar Turbines, Dokken Engineering, General Atomics, Hoch Consulting, Fluidra, Caltrans, County of San Diego, Masimo, Booz Allen Hamilton, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Dexcom, and Kimley-Horn.

Many of our sponsors are integrally involved with the student design teams, lending their mentorship and resources to support the teams’ success. We sincerely appreciate all of our sponsors for uplifting our students.

Enjoy SDSU’s Spring 2024 College of Engineering Senior Design Day. Thank you for being a part of this significant event.

Eugene Olevsky, Ph.D.
Dean and Distinguished Professor
College of Engineering
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Finish Line Construction - Snapdragon Stadium
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Golden State Construction - SDSU Stadium Analysis
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GOOD Engineering Inc. (Team 10) - East County Private Wastewater Treatment Plant
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Ingenium Engineering (Team 2) - Bachman Place Road Widening and Retaining Wall
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JHIANT Construction (Team 15) - Manchester Convention Hotel-High Rise
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SOCAL BUILDING CO. - Snapdragon Stadium Construction
Sponsored by SDSU Planning Design and Construction Department

Precision Path Engineering (Team 21) - Carroll Canyon Road Extension
Sponsored by Dokken Engineering

Solid Build Construction (Team 4) - Ramona Sheriff Station
Sponsored by County of San Diego

STAGRS Engineering (Team 5) - SR-67/Riverford Interchange Roundabouts
Sponsored by Parsons

StoneCap Construction - Aztec Stadium
Sponsored by SDSU Planning Design and Construction Department

Tegrity Engineering (Team 3) - Ramona Sheriff Station
Sponsored by County of San Diego

Electrical & Computer Engineering

SDSU Hydrophone Agents (SHA) - Acoustic Ocean Monitoring Device
Sponsored by SDSU Electrical and Computer Engineering

Team CABLES - Short Break Detector
Sponsored by Masimo

Team CHESS - Intelligent Chessboard
Sponsored by SDSU Electrical and Computer Engineering

The Bode Bandits - “Bode Analysis N’ Display of Instrument Testing” (BANDIT)
Sponsored by SDSU Electrical and Computer Engineering

The People Counters - Live Occupancy Automated Tracking System
Sponsored by SDSU Electrical and Computer Engineering

V.O.L.T. Vipers - Digital Multi-Range Voltmeter
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- **R.E.S.S.T. (Remote Earth Sea Systems Technology)** - *Multi-Domain Vehicle Project*
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- **TRF Innovations** - *Time-Resolved Fluorescence Reader*
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- **Trunk Tech** - *The Trunk Tracker: An Elephant Behavior Monitoring Anklet*
  Sponsored by San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance
- **Vital Metrix** - *Physical Distress Monitor*
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Dex-Tecs - Continuous Glucose Monitor G7 Test Fixture  
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Light Track Technology - Sun Tracking Reflectors with Comparison to GPS-Driven Solar PV  
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LV8 - Palm Platform - Vertical Transport Elevator  
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MediMask Design Team - Elastomeric Half Mask Respirator (EHMR) with Disinfection Box  
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Quetzal - 3D Printed Aircraft Competition  
Sponsored by SDSU Student Success Fee

Refined Ergo-Jig - Refined Driver Ergo-Jig  
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Team ASML: Optimized Venting - Optimizing Venting for EUV Technology Testing  
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Team AVIAN - MQ-9 “Mojave” Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Manual Wing Fold System  
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Team No Pressure - Building Enclosure for the Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) Reactor and Assembly  
Sponsored by SDSU Mechanical Engineering

Team ShoreMobility - Self-Propelled Beach Wheelchair  
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Team W.A.L.T.Z (Water Activity Leg with Tenacious Zeal) - Snorkeling and Diving Leg Challenge  
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Aerospace Engineering

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Pablo's research interests lie in the field of (deep-) space exploration, involving areas like astrodynamics, trajectory design, (autonomous) guidance, navigation and control (GNC), spacecraft attitude dynamics, (small-spacecraft) mission design and analysis, and systems design. Research topics include Earth-orbiting missions and space debris modeling, cislunar space exploration (Earth-Moon region), small-body exploration (asteroids and comets), and planetary exploration. Current research efforts focus on cislunar optical navigation, uncertainty propagation in cislunar space, robust, autonomous cislunar guidance, asteroid gravitational modeling, autonomous attitude determination and control for comet fly-by missions, and small-spacecraft systems design and mission analysis.

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Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering

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Mechanical Engineering

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Aerospace Engineering

Blackfin

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ADVISOR: Mr. Geoffrey Butler, SDSU

**A-14 “THE ORCA”**

In this project, our team designed a Close Air Support (CAS) aircraft that must be able to complete two different combat missions. The aircraft must also comply with various constraints listed on the SRD sheet. In addition, multiple graphs and tables will be provided to support the claim on how the aircraft is safe and feasible. This means that the aircraft is stable, and it is capable of accomplishing the desired tasks in a favorable manner.

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Crustacean Supersonics

MEMBERS: Stephanye Garcia, Gabriela Gonzalez Ayala, Shawn Hogh, Jeremy Johnson, Jason Klemens, Austin MacGowan, Carlos Ortega
ADVISOR: Mr. Geoffrey Butler, SDSU

**SHRIMP 1**

SHRIMP 1 is a conceptual design of a supersonic business jet. It is designed to accommodate up to 15 passengers and accomplish two primary flight missions. The first is to achieve a minimum range of 4000 nmi at optimum conditions. The second is to be able to accelerate to, and maintain, a maximum velocity greater than Mach 2.

JetSetGo

MEMBERS: Carlos Gonzalez, Therese Dela Rosa, Justin Kuehn, Daniela Ramirez, Natalie Thiel, Brendan Uribe
ADVISOR: Mr. Geoffrey Butler, SDSU

**C-X LEVIATHAN**

C-X Leviathan is a heavy lift transportation aircraft design for AE-460 Aerospace Engineering Applications class as well as the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Heavy Lift Aircraft Design Competition.

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Lunar Agricultural Test Vehicle (LATV)

MEMBERS: Brandon Barr, Daniel Black, Jack Caron, Nicholas Fischetti, Antonio Garcia, Donte King, Kyle Kline, Shotaro Kusunoki, Ted Saenger, James Schultz, Trevor Taylor

ADVISOR: Dr. Pablo Machuca, SDSU

**LUNAR AGRICULTURAL TEST VEHICLE**

The LATV (Lunar Agriculture Test Vehicle) is a proof-of-concept mission to research food crop cultivation in a lunar environment. Using a lunar regolith gathering and preparation process, food crops of various species will be planted and monitored to gain knowledge into sustaining human life in an extraplanetary environment.

YouTube Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnUu-eiEr9Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnUu-eiEr9Y)

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Lunar Communication and Positioning System (LCPS)

MEMBERS: Sandra Alwakeel, John Egan, Rowdy Houser, Blake Lipofsky, Christian Miller, Jose Molina, Steven Nikolov, Gunner Oakley, Brian Spinelli

ADVISOR: Dr. Pablo Machuca, SDSU

**LUNAR COMMUNICATION AND POSITIONING SYSTEM**

With NASA’s Artemis Program scheduled to re-establish a human presence on the Moon for scientific and exploratory purposes, the need for infrastructure to support these efforts has become apparent. We intend to provide a reliable means of lunar navigation and communication through the use of satellites in orbit around the Moon that can be used by humans, rovers, and robots as they traverse the lunar surface.

YouTube Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJ-YrL02QgU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJ-YrL02QgU)

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Lunar Survey Mission (LSM)

MEMBERS: Daniel Alfaro, Leobardo Almodovar, Jerrin Concepcion, Walker Garcia, Stephen Heron, Thomas Hubbard, Jose Justimbaste, Fernando Pluma, DeVonta Stewart, Tommy Tran, Roberto Yano

ADVISOR: Dr. Pablo Machuca, SDSU

**LUNAR SURVEY MISSION**

Our Mission aims to deliver a rover to the surface of the Moon that is capable of measuring environmental values that could have an effect on long term structures or human deployment. We aim to take simultaneous measurements of the conditions on the lunar surface and subterranean to make informative comparisons.

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AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Possum Works

MEMBERS: Matthew Diaz, Alejandro Vaquera Nava, Nick Orcino, Christopher Phillips, Marvin Reyes, David Rodriguez, Khang Tu

ADVISOR: Mr. Geoffrey Butler, SDSU

G2 THUNDER SKUNK
This project is the conceptual design of a close air support aircraft and encompasses all aspects of aerospace previously taught such as aerodynamics, structures, propulsion, and stability and control. For the presentation, various views of the design will be pictured as well as highlighting key features.

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Project Katzalcoatl

MEMBERS: Daniel Black, Lillian Locken, Thomas Hubbard, Jeremy Johnson, Skylar Kinney

ADVISOR: Dr. Joseph Katz, SDSU

VTOL DELIVERY DRONE
The VTOL Delivery drone project seeks to design and build a small unmanned aircraft capable of carrying a 6” x 8” x 10” 5-pound delivery package, demonstrate VTOL and hover capability, and be able to seamlessly transition from hover mode to a traditional horizontal mode mid-flight.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlF9spzm6a8
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Project Lavahound

MEMBERS: Cloud Cheung, Gabriel Cruz, Kenneth De Francia, John Hays, Seth Lundin, Derrick Martin, Alexander Melton

ADVISOR: Mr. Geoffrey Butler, SDSU

LAVAHOUND
Our team here at Project Lavahound has designed a next generation close air support aircraft capable of not only meeting, but exceeding a difficult set of project standards. Some of these requirements include: having a range of 3,000 nautical miles, a top speed of Mach 0.85, a payload of over 11,000 pounds, aerial refueling capabilities, maintaining structural integrity across an operating range of -3.0 to 7.5g, neither the takeoff or landing can exceed 2,500 feet, a full life cycle cost analysis, and many others.
**SkyWalker**

**MEMBERS:** Skylar Kinney, Emilio Camarillo, Evan Chase, Juan Cruz, Nathalia Del Callejo, Rylie Hong, Lillian Locken, Rashad Mann, Nicholas Richards, Alejandro Rivera, Justin Santos

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Pablo Machuca, SDSU

**SAGA 3: APT**

Design and Development of the Next Generation of Aircraft Pilot Trainer Jets. We designed and created a pilot trainer aircraft for the US Air Force based on requirements of design. This is a next generation aircraft capable of training pilots for real world missions with redundancies put in place for pilot safety. This aircraft was designed from the ground up based off other aircraft either previously or currently in existence.

**Poster:** [https://aerospace.sdsu.edu/design-day/files/2024/skywalker_poster.pdf](https://aerospace.sdsu.edu/design-day/files/2024/skywalker_poster.pdf)

**Space Debris Clean Up Team**

**MEMBERS:** Bader Jackson, Mikkelson Joseph, Prado Joshua, Tenner Aaron

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Geoffrey Butler, SDSU

**OPERATION OPOCHTLI**

With the ever-increasing amount of space debris in Earth’s lowest orbit the demand for an efficient system to eliminate space debris has never been higher. The Space Debris Clean-Up team is happy to announce operation OPOCHTLI (Orbital Pollutant Oriented Clean-Up Help through Laser Impulse). Taking inspiration from the Aztec God OPOCHTLI (God of Hunting), the Space Debris Clean-Up team aims to hunt down space debris in LEO to help ensure success in future space missions.

**YouTube Video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99Yqbog7MPc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99Yqbog7MPc)

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**Targeted Asteroid Reconnaissance and Surveillance (TARS)**

**MEMBERS:** Marc Aeschelmann, Brock Bowers, Zachary Brown, Alonzo Covarrubias, Venia Ghazarian, Nicholas Hammond, Ryan Harrison, Kevin Lopez Gonzalez, Johnny McDonagh, Tyler Tiengard, Ricky Tran

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Pablo Machuca, SDSU

**TARGETED ASTEROID RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE (TARS)**

Asteroids have the potential to contain valuable resources. The TARS mission is a low-cost satellite whose purpose is to determine an asteroid’s composition and assess its utility for future missions.

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**Poster:** [https://aerospace.sdsu.edu/design-day/files/2024/tars_poster.pdf](https://aerospace.sdsu.edu/design-day/files/2024/tars_poster.pdf)
AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

**VALKYRIE**

MEMBERS: Aislinn Arias, Jaden Karger, Michael Kidane, James Lam, Jalen White, Cameron Whitfield

ADVISOR: Mr. Geoffrey Butler, SDSU

**ADVANCED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DESIGN**

We would like to present what we are working on in our AE 460 Senior Design Class. We are looking into ways to advance a Close Air Support Aircraft.
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Extending Fenton Rd by 131 ft including 4 car lanes, 2 bus lanes, bike lanes, and sidewalks. We will design an extension that goes from Canyon Road to Camino Santa Fe.
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MISSION TRAILS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FOR MAX
Max Lenail, a 21-year-old college student and outdoorsman, died at the San Diego River Crossing Trail at Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) on January 29, 2021, during a flash flood. To honor his memory, his family has campaigned for the construction of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge at the site to offer safe passage and expanded access to Park users for generations to come. A pedestrian bridge at that site has been part of the MTRP Master Plan for more than a decade. Funding was earmarked by the state of California.
YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/xO4fhnjKc4o
Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering

**ATAMCO Engineering (Team 20)**

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**SPONSOR:** Dokken Engineering

**CARROLL CANYON ROAD EXTENSION**

The main goal of this project was to design a 1-mile road segment for a four-lane major arterial road that will be used to extend Carroll Canyon Road in the Sorrento Valley community of Mira Mesa. The scope of our project was to design the road extension in the most optimal way to address existing surrounding conditions, environmental impacts, and many other civil engineering aspects. The expected challenges of this project were creating the most cost-effective solution and mitigating negative environmental effects.

**YouTube Video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGAiKexU6ks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGAiKexU6ks)

**Aztec Innovators (Team 11)**

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**SPONSOR:** Hoch Consulting

**OAK PARK LIBRARY COST EVALUATION/DESIGN**

The Oak Park Library will be a 30,000 sf addition to the San Diego Public Library system. The library will provide amazing views of the city to its visitors as it promises to be a community hub. With its sustainable design, the Oak Park Library will meet LEED Silver standards while providing commodity to its guests.

**YouTube Video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiC0wZx6oo8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiC0wZx6oo8&feature=youtu.be)

**Blueprint Engineering (Team 16)**

**MEMBERS:** Klara Adwer, Rwzan Adwer, Abdullah Almutairi, Sarah Alshawi, Chelsea Gutierrez, Matthew Manabat

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Shaun Walters, KPFF Consulting Engineers
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Bashar Najar, Najars Engineering

**SPONSOR:** KPFF Consulting Engineers and Bowman Consulting Group

**MANCHESTER CONVENTION HOTEL-HIGH RISE**

Working with the Manchester Financial Group and KPFF Consulting Engineers, we plan to assist with the development of their planned hotel by aiding with extensive documentation of the surrounding site, planning overall construction and design of water management systems for the hotel. The hotel is a 34-story high rise that will have 1,035 hotel rooms that are 410 square feet. Other facilities at this hotel will include two ballrooms with 23,000 square feet of space, a fitness center, an ocean view pool deck, bars, and more.

**YouTube Video:** [https://youtu.be/q8LTwTGoHtQ?feature=shared](https://youtu.be/q8LTwTGoHtQ?feature=shared)
EAST COUNTY PRIVATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Our team is tasked to design a Wastewater Treatment Plant on a 4 acre lot in East County, San Diego. This plant will be designed with an average flow of 450,000 gpd, and will feature a Membrane Bioreactor, a relatively new technology that combines membrane filtration processes with the activated sludge process. As a result, this module of the plant will be more compact and produce a higher quality effluent. As this is a recent technology, designing a plant that utilizes a Membrane Bioreactor will be our main challenge.

YouTube Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljDFcAEtwUg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljDFcAEtwUg)

OAK PARK LIBRARY COST EVALUATION/DESIGN

The City of San Diego is working on a new project and is in need for a cost evaluation for the design and construction of the Oak Park Library. The main objective is to provide the City with a reasonable cost estimate for the construction of the Library. The project site is located on the north side of College Grove Dr., northeast of the intersection with 55th Street, in the City of San Diego.

YouTube Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7xDmWpDqo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7xDmWpDqo)

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CAdROW Water Inc. (Team 8)

MEMBERS: Hubert Anifowoshe, Athena Chaparro, Bremer Delacruz, Matthew Okazaki, Serenity Richardson, Jessica Wheeler

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SPONSOR: Kimley-Horn and Filanc Construction

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Clean Water Solutions (Team 9)

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SPONSOR: Kimley-Horn and Filanc Construction

EAST COUNTY PRIVATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

A private community located in East County San Diego requires an enhancement and enlargement of their wastewater treatment capacity. It has been resolved to construct a new facility at a site different from the existing one. This new facility will feature a state-of-the-art treatment system, incorporating a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) process aimed at recycling water for community use. The project encompasses the design and configuration of a comprehensive wastewater treatment plant, including the selection and dimension.

YouTube Video: [https://youtu.be/3nUu5nGU6PA](https://youtu.be/3nUu5nGU6PA)
CIVIL, CONSTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Coastal Ridge Roadworks (Team 1)

**MEMBERS:** Ezekiel Isidro, Kevin Ramirez, Aidan Reinwald, Isaiah Valdez, Arteen Yamin
**ADVISOR:** Rob Stroop, Group Delta
  Kyle Boyce, Latitude 33
  Jim Haughey, SDSU
**SPONSOR:** Group Delta and Latitude 33

**BACHMAN PLACE ROAD WIDENING AND RETAINING WALL**
To enhance accessibility to the newly redeveloped UCSD Hillcrest Campus, Coastal Ridge Roadworks will lead the design in 1) widening an 800-ft segment of Bachman Place, 2) demolishing two existing retaining walls and constructing a new retaining wall, 3) replacing an existing storm drain system, and 4) implementing a temporary traffic control plan. The basis of design is centered around the following disciplines: geotechnical, structural, stormwater, transportation, and construction.

*YouTube Video: [https://youtu.be/YtBrFRuYG8E](https://youtu.be/YtBrFRuYG8E)*

Crow Construction & Engineering (Team 12)

**MEMBERS:** Antonio Bongiovanni, Ali Al Bahar, Madeline Clayton, Julia Estrada, Shelby Pletcher, Beili Ramos
**ADVISOR:** Lena Bagnol and Dan Poulton, Hoch Consulting
  Thais Alves, Nensi Lakrori, and Julio Valdes, SDSU
**SPONSOR:** Hoch Consulting

**OAK PARK LIBRARY COST EVALUATION/DESIGN**
This San Diego Oak Park Library project will include a 10,000 sf (first floor) to be used as a sorting facility, a 20,000 sf (second floor), a minimum of 50 parking spaces, landscaping, right-of-way improvement, solar photovoltaics, and EV parking spots. The project will include a balcony area for customers to enjoy the outside environment and view. The sorting facility on the first floor will have a direct access/egress road that is connected off the street, allowing for trucks to easily access the loading dock.

*YouTube Video: [https://youtu.be/rUL8Me7lzU](https://youtu.be/rUL8Me7lzU)*

Finish Line Construction

**MEMBERS:** Dalton Elzey, Tyler Hubert, Ezequiel Salas-Diaz, Jeffrey Suter
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**SPONSOR:** SDSU Planning Design and Construction Department

**SNAPDRAGON STADIUM**
Construction Management of a 35,000 Capacity Multi-Use Stadium to start construction in 2024. As Design-Build CMs, Finish Line Construction created a target budget and schedule and managed the construction process through completion.
SR-67/RIVERFORD INTERCHANGE ROUNDABOUTS

The Project is located in an unincorporated area of San Diego County within the Community of Lakeside. The Project will improve overall operations, circulation, and provide a more "complete street" that is accessible for all users at the SR 67 / Riverford Road interchange. The preferred alternative includes adding roundabouts which includes consolidating three existing intersections into two roundabouts, removal of signals, pavement widening and cold planning.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/IRymD7AeSAQ?si=eFkQkw1sSzxeq4mO

Golden State Construction

MEMBERS: Ryan Horne, Diego Mendoza, Frankie Orona
ADVISOR: Paul Jackson, SDSU
SPONSOR: SDSU Planning Design and Construction Department

SDSU STADIUM ANALYSIS

Golden State Construction developed and managed the construction process for SDSUs multi-use Stadium. Golden State developed a new target estimate based on current industry costs and used that estimate as a benchmark to compile a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with SDSU. With the development of an accelerated schedule, site logistics plan, and processing of submittals, RFIs and other risk management, Golden State Construction is able to manage the construction of this complicated and important building for SDSU.

GOOD Engineering Inc. (Team 10)

MEMBERS: Juan Garcia, Yousuf Georgees, Vanessa Gonzalez, Essa Kouraeel, Cameron Maietto, Marco Pardo
ADVISOR: Snap Sekeroglu, Kimley-Horn
Gary Silverman and Mark Filanc, Filanc Construction
SPONSOR: Kimley-Horn and Filanc Construction

EAST COUNTY PRIVATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

“Wastewater treatment MBR facility design with plans to double the capacity in the future. Project located in eastern edge of the Singing Hills Golf Course south of Dehesa Rd. at 3007 Dehesa Rd., San Diego CA, 92019. Project will treat wastewater for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Nitrogen, Ammonia, Phosphate and Alkalinity as influential wastewater characteristics.”

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/HBjws0wxgYY?si=YwF9VaUGRzEFMStc
CIVIL, CONSTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

San Vicente Hydroelectric Pumped Storage

This project is a significant advancement in sustainable energy infrastructure for San Diego. This facility will meet the region's growing energy needs with a projected daily generation capacity of 500 MW over an 8-hour period, enhancing grid reliability and flexibility. It will feature a new upper reservoir adjacent to the existing SVR, enabling excess power to be stored by pumping water to the upper reservoir during low demand periods and releasing it back through turbines during high demands.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/MtOzGuSHEHg?si=01sKXcAVHIzL4Dqa

JAT Engineering Solutions (Team 14)

Bachman Place Road Widening and Retaining Wall

Ingenium is eager to be a part of this development in hopes to improve Bachman Place by initiating a road widening project and construction of a new retaining wall in order to improve access to nearby facilities in Hillcrest, San Diego. A drainage system design will also be provided to help mitigate stormwater and maintain the road's functionality throughout its lifespan. One of the biggest limitations faced in this project is maintaining Bachman Place as an operating road during construction.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/_wrvfr7_uc?si=eYiQrE6yoXiu96BE

Ingenium Engineering (Team 2)

SR-67/Riverford Interchange Roundabouts

The redesign of the Riverford Road and Woodside Ave intersections into a roundabout design and the incorporation of the surrounding area into a complete street design. This intersection currently operates at a failing Level of Service due to congestion of closely spaced intersections. To facilitate pedestrian and bicyclist friendly transportation, the incorporation of a complete system of sidewalks, crosswalks, and Class 2 sidewalks will be a cornerstone of our design.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/2LSmRkYhzyY

Horizon Engineering (Team 7)

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Manchester Convention Hotel-High Rise

At 1,160 rooms across 36 stories, the Manchester Convention Hotel-High Rise is a current project that fulfills a highly requested demand of tourists wanting to visit San Diego for the city’s sights, entertainment, and other beloved attractions, all while being at the waterfront of the downtown area. Our team is providing design and construction services for this project, with scopes of work in Structural, Geotechnical, Stormwater, Site Development, and Construction Engineering disciplines.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/DRBO6Q9lT0c

Snapdragon Stadium Construction

Taking on the construction of Snapdragon Stadium in 2024: overseeing all aspects of the project, from managing contractors to crafting submittals. Prioritizing quality and timely delivery, we aim to create a facility that not only represents the university but also enriches the city of San Diego.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/QnZw5-iZa0A

Carroll Canyon Road Extension

This project connects a four-lane major arterial road between Pacific Heights Boulevard and Camino Santa Fe with a proposed roadway cross section of 131 feet including two 13-foot center bus lanes, two 11-foot through lanes in each direction, buffered bike lanes, as well as 5-foot sidewalks with parkways. This project has several impacts including a Multi-Habitat Planning Area, impacts to Carroll Canyon Creek, right of way acquisition, grading impacts, drainage, stormwater treatment needs, utility impacts, and cost.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/QnZw5-iZa0A
SR-67/RIVERFORD INTERCHANGE ROUNDABOUTS

For this project STRAGS Engineering is tasked with improving the overall operation and usability of the intersection at SR-67 and Riverford Road. This project is located along a corridor that connects the community of Lakeside with Santee and El Cajon. We will submit a complete project design that will be used in the construction of the new interchange.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/hhOpnpGOEfI?si=TGkGB69pIfDm4Xeu

RAMONA SHERIFF STATION

The new Ramona Sheriff Station will be situated along the historic Main Street, specifically on Montecito Road within the San Diego County community of Ramona. Positioned at the current site of the existing sheriff station, the project encompasses an 18,000 square foot Sheriff Station Facility, doubling the size of the current establishment. Designated parking areas will accommodate both operational vehicles and privately owned vehicles (POVs), with an additional focus on incorporating a passive community park.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu_064ke7AQ

STAGRS Engineering (Team 5)

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ADVISOR: Matt Brash, Parsons

SPONSOR: Parsons

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StoneCap Construction

MEMBERS: Samir Rahimi, Taylor Beans, James Snoke, Jordan Farrell

ADVISOR: Paul Jackson, SDSU

SPONSOR: SDSU Planning Design and Construction Department

AZTEC STADIUM

StoneCap Construction has been selected by the University to provide Design-Build construction for the 35,000 capacity stadium. This includes creating a target estimate to update the project to 2024 industry costs and provide a schedule for design and construction. StoneCap Construction managed the construction process from subcontractor selection and contracting, safety, site logistics, submittal process, and RFIs to project closeout and completion for an on time and on budget successful project.
The County of San Diego has partnered with Tegrity Engineering to design a new and renovated Sheriff Station for the community of Ramona. Our design envisions a space that meets the needs of both the law enforcement and the public it serves by constructing a new community park, promoting trust and interaction between the two. Our team will address project challenges with collaboration and innovation to deliver a project that not only meets but exceeds expectations, enriching the Ramona community for years to come.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/3kOiHnh6iVU?si=G-9a26dvf4N-6cVe
ACOUSTIC OCEAN MONITORING DEVICE

Our device targets the frequency spectrum of whale songs as well as other sounds in the ocean. This is achieved by the implementation of both hardware and software that works together to amplify sound, mitigate noise interference, output sound that can be listened to, and transcribes the data into a form that can later be used in additional audio processing.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/GQpMaEK5Eus?si=Kq0y6cVSS8azN3Kc

SHORT BREAK DETECTOR

The Short Break Detector, designed for MASIMO, is a portable, compact system that enhances cable testing efficiency by automating fault detection. It integrates with a cable bend test machine, supports AC/DC power, and uses an ATmega4809 Microcontroller for continuity checks; stopping tests upon fault detection. Data is recorded to an outputted document file for analysis. Its touchscreen display allows for easy operation and monitoring, streamlining the testing process with improved reliability and data accuracy.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/6JAi9iu8yes

INTELLIGENT CHESSBOARD

Intelligent Chessboard is an interactive chessboard that integrates artificial intelligence into a physical board. Designed to help learn or hone skills, the user can play against another user with or without the assistance of AI. Intelligent Chessboard uses a button to change the difficulty of the AI and scan the board for the current piece location using RFID technology. Through AI, the board illuminates LEDs under the board tiles to project all possible and the best possible moves when a piece is lifted.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV1Dhzbnj88
The Bode Bandits

MEMBERS: Christian Abella, Arianna-Sarahi Bergado, Joshua Cole, Joseph De Vico, Lance Reyes
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SPONSOR: SDSU Electrical and Computer Engineering

“BODE ANALYSIS N’ DISPLAY OF INSTRUMENT TESTING” (BANDIT)

BANDIT is a small, portable, and inexpensive device aimed at providing rapid assessments of a system’s transfer function assisting in filter design as well as arbitrary system characterization. Analysis can be performed between 20 Hz and 250 kHz in a variety of preset ranges within +/- 15% of calibrated reference instruments. The BANDIT offsets the lack of absolute accuracy by being extremely low cost, $40 per unit, and executing full characterizations in under 1 second. These runtimes are achieved by diverging from traditional analog tone-sweep methods and utilizing a fully digital adaptive filter method. On the fly adjustment of error tolerances, analysis resolution, and the visualization of real time results can be done via a fully cross platform Python interface. Fully USB powered, and tightly integrated, BANDIT coupled with the appropriate probes or transducers is a powerful tool for both the lab and on the go.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/heG2l5tyS7A

The People Counters

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LIVE OCCUPANCY AUTOMATED TRACKING SYSTEM

The People Counter’s project tracks the number of occupants within a confined area in real-time. We employ a thermal camera and machine learning algorithms to recognize when entrants pass through our fabricated doorway. It accurately counts when individuals enter or exit the area thus automating the tedious job of manually counting occupants. Our design is portable, and scalable to multiple entry points.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/pdvONdYt704

V.O.L.T. Vipers

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SPONSOR: SDSU Electrical and Computer Engineering

DIGITAL MULTI-RANGE VOLTMETER

The Voltage Vipers team have been tasked with designing and creating a digital voltmeter. A voltage selector switch will help select AC and 3 DC voltage ranges. Input voltage will be filtered using an anti-aliasing filter to reduce noise during the sampling of the signal. The AC voltage will be measured using a true RMS algorithm, enabling the device to be capable of measuring sinusoidal and non-sinusoidal waveforms such as square or triangle waves. Lastly, the device will feature an LCD screen to display the measurement to the user.

YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/mGJqLJ3lhKY?si=Cw-vROuNNIn1YVf-
AUTONOMOUS UNDERWATER VEHICLE FOR PASSIVE SONAR

AUV Pathfinders was tasked with designing and manufacturing a fully autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV). This AUV is to have a rotating hydrophone array. The hydrophone array will allow the user to capture acoustic data of marine environments.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_0tFLKkiDk
Poster: https://mechanical.sdsu.edu/design-day/_images/2024/4-15-autonomous-underwater-poster.pdf

CALIFORNIA UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS COMPETITION (C-UASC)

This project involved designing, manufacturing, and integrating an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) for the California Unmanned Aerial Systems Competition. The UAS is designed for autonomous flight, waypoint navigation, object detection/classification/localization, and delivery of an undamaged payload at a marked target.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrBW7FtW5Jo
Poster: https://mechanical.sdsu.edu/design-day/_images/2024/6-16-california-unmanned-poster.pdf

VORTEX SHEDDING FLOWMETER

The Vortex Sheding Flowmeter is a single hole prototype design that can withstand up to 40 psi of internal pipe pressure and accurately read across a range of 10-100 gpm flow with an accuracy of 5%. The design utilizes a saddle like clamp system with the bluff body and piezoelectric sensor inserted through a 3/4” hole in a 2” schedule 40 PVC pipe. The system utilizes a PCB board with an integrated LCD screen, microcontroller and RS-485 to control and monitor the flowmeter.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY5XFcDd6uE
Poster: https://mechanical.sdsu.edu/design-day/_images/2024/31-3-vortex-shedding-poster.pdf
**FPP Force**

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**SPONSORS:** Booz Allen Hamilton

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**FIXED POWER PAYLOAD INPUT/OUTPUT (FP PLIO)**

Booz Allen’s Fixed Power Payload Input Output (FP PLIO) system serves as a universal translator for third-party sensors. Specifically, the FP PLIO is applied on Booz Allen’s unmanned surface vehicle (USV), the Man-Portable Tactical Autonomous System (MANTAS). On the MANTAS, the FP PLIO controls all of the additional systems including sensors, cameras, and other components. It enables the ability to deliver key information to critical military personnel while increasing the safety of personnel as the vehicle is unmanned.

*YouTube Video:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Nl5LyJGkUg&t=164s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Nl5LyJGkUg&t=164s)

*Poster:* [https://mechanical.sdsu.edu/design-day/_images/2024/14-14-fpp-force-poster.pdf](https://mechanical.sdsu.edu/design-day/_images/2024/14-14-fpp-force-poster.pdf)

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**R.E.S.S.T. (Remote Earth Sea Systems Technology)**

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Dr. Scott Shaffar and Prof. Barry Dorr, SDSU

**SPONSORS:** Systems Engineering Research Center, Stevens Institute

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**MULTI-DOMAIN VEHICLE PROJECT**

The Multi-Domain Vehicle is an amphibious vehicle that will operate in sea, surf, and land with an advanced three position extendable suspension and propulsion system to successfully navigate the transition between sea and land. The electrically powered scaled vehicle design will accommodate for traction, enable water propulsion, and provide a transition between land and sea tactical operations.

*YouTube Video:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Os2ZzABfRVA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Os2ZzABfRVA)

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**NASA’S REVOLUTIONARY AEROSPACE SYSTEMS CONCEPTS – ACADEMIC LINKAGE (RASC-AL): LARGE SCALE LUNAR CRATER PROSPECTOR**

RASC-AL is a national NASA competition to develop a solution for exploring the harsh craters of the lunar south pole for a full year in search of frozen ice. The RASC-GULLS have developed a concept for a self-sustaining rover that is able to perform power-intensive prospecting tasks with the support of a power-beaming satellite overhead, tens of kilometers away, as well as a physical rover-tracker model to demonstrate this concept. The concept will be able to gather new and conclusive evidence about the moon’s subsurface.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION OF A 7TH AXIS RAIL SYSTEM FOR A FUSION TOKAMAK ROBOT

DIII-D National Fusion Facility, operated by General Atomics, is pioneering the science and innovative technology that will enable the development of nuclear fusion as an energy source for the next generation. A 6-axis robotic arm nicknamed ROSIE is currently used in the DIII-D program to weld studs and take measurements inside the vacuum vessel. This project aims to extend ROSIE’s capabilities by adding a circular rail and powered cart system, and integrating the cart into ROSIE’s control system as a 7th axis.

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CLIMATE CONTROLLED UV CURING CHAMBER FOR 3D PRINTED PARTS

SDSU WaveCure has partnered with Masimo to design, document and fabricate a UV Curing Chamber for 3D printed parts. With a climate control system, hands-free access and hybrid UV-CFL, UV-LED technology, the UV curing chamber will operate for a set and controlled duration as inputted by the user on the touchscreen interface. The chamber features a rotating turntable for controlled uniform UV exposure to enhance a post-print UV curing process to stabilize material properties of parts printed using DLP, SLA, and MSLA.

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QUIET UAV TEST DEVICE AND TEST PROTOCOL

This project introduces a test rig that will be used for evaluating the noise generation for various propulsion systems and models. The test rig incorporates advanced sound output sensors, joint mechanisms, and data acquisition systems to simulate various flight scenarios, allowing engineers to analyze the UAV’s acoustic signature response. Innovative toroidal propellers are used while optimizing shape and geometry to reduce the noise signature of the propulsion system and increase stealth technology.

YouTube Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9XS4OpTW5M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9XS4OpTW5M)

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NASA ARTEMIS 2024 LUNABOTICS AND BEYOND

Team ARES (Aztec Regolith Environment Sculptor) is representing San Diego State University in the NASA Lunabotics 2024 Competition. The team is tasked with the design and build of a telerobotic rover capable of traversing, excavating, transporting, and depositing lunar regolith. This supports NASA's Artemis missions, in which they plan to use in-situ resources for lunar construction. The team will travel to Kennedy Space Center to compete in a simulated deployment mission against other national universities.

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AUTOMATED CHEMICAL WIPING SYSTEM

This project, sponsored by Masimo, aimed to create a standardized testing system for chemical resistance on medical monitoring products. It employs a fluid delivery mechanism for cleaning agents followed by wipes under constant pressure. Controlled through a touch-screen panel, it regulates parameters such as speed and cycles, equipped with a camera for progress monitoring and memory for test recall. The user can adjust parameters like wipes, cycle intervals, fluid volume, and duration.

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AUTOMATED UV DISPENSE & CURE STATION

Masimo’s health-care products require light pipes to provide a path for light to travel from the inside to the outside of a device. Current assembly of these light pipes require production-grade manufacturing equipment for large scale operations. Team Photron was tasked to create a lightweight and cheaper solution for small scale operations. Using positioning tables along with a combination of pneumatic and manual guide rails, this device will be capable of producing light tubes with a repeatability of 0.005”.

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TIME-RESOLVED FLUORESCENCE READER

In collaboration with Ascential Technologies, our team has developed a device to measure biomarkers like Europium (III) from samples in a standard 384-well microplate. Central to our design is an optical module focusing UV light onto samples and capturing their red fluorescence emissions. Our device serves as a platform to accelerate medical research and development; biomarker measurement is crucial in cell biology assays, and our device proves as a cost-effective yet highly sensitive and precise instrument for this.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEnk5c_Os
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THE TRUNK TRACKER: AN ELEPHANT BEHAVIOR MONITORING ANKLET

The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance has partnered with Trunk Tech to create an anklet for African elephants to record their movement and behavior patterns. The device uses LoraWAN technology to transmit data logging status and contains an accelerometer for data collection. The tamper-proof enclosure is capable of withstanding elemental factors present in desert conditions and is water and high-impact resistant. The sponsor aims to use this technology to protect wild elephant populations at their partner site in Kenya.

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PHYSICAL DISTRESS MONITOR

Sponsored by the Systems Engineering Research Center and in collaboration with Masimo, this project aims to create a wearable device for health monitoring of military personnel during training or operations. Utilizing non-invasive sensors to measure vital signs like pulse oximetry, body temperature, and galvanic skin response for hydration, the device will use machine learning to detect signs of physical distress early. Its design focuses on ensuring the safety and well-being of soldiers by providing real-time health data for immediate response.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiK87szT88M
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The Composite WiRE Wrap Robotic System addresses the critical need to enhance the efficiency of power transmission by mitigating the issue of power line sag. This project stands to revolutionize repair methods, potentially saving millions in replacement costs and reducing wildfire risks. We have developed a user-friendly, autonomous robotic system to wrap a composite material, resin-coated carbon fiber fabric, around existing lines, strengthening infrastructure and decreasing power losses.

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CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR G7 TEST FIXTURE
This project aims to develop a specialized test fixture for the Dexcom G7 Continuous Glucose Monitor Applicator. Designed to enhance operator consistency and reduce fatigue, the fixture will refine how the device is held, aligned, compressed, and deployed. By ensuring precise deployment of the G7 applicator, it will enable more accurate analysis of glucose level readings, guaranteeing reliable data collection and interpretation for optimized product performance and user experience.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whLeo3wvJxQ
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PALM INSPIRED WIND TURBINE
The objective of this project is to design a nature-inspired wind turbine to improve energy capture efficiency and durability. Most turbines turn in wind, and when wind speeds exceed 50 mph, the wind turbine automatically shuts off for safety. To address this, the team designed a horizontal axis wind turbine inspired by the behavior of palm fronds. The blades are mounted to the turbine on bases made of a flexible material that bends inward with increasing wind speeds, improving durability and maintaining functionality.

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SUN TRACKING REFLECTORS WITH COMPARISON TO GPS-DRIVEN SOLAR PV
The project, which is sponsored by Dr. Asfaw Beyene from the Mechanical Engineering Department, is the development of a sunlight-reflective mirror to make solar energy capture less dependent on angles and space availability. The team is to design, manufacture, and test the system to determine the effect of concentrated sunlight on the stationary PV panel as well as compare the performance and cost of the system with the reflective mirror versus the GPS-driven system.

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blp5XVgThGQ
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PALM PLATFORM · VERTICAL TRANSPORT ELEVATOR

The Palm Platform is designed to replace human climbers and make trimming safer, faster and cheaper. The Vertical Transport Elevator is the movement and positioning component of a device to trim palms robotically. The elevator will carry a payload to trim palm fronds in the future. Team LV8 has designed, fabricated, and tested a system to adapt to the tree’s diameter while maneuvering on the palm tree. The operator will be capable of controlling the system remotely from a safe distance on the ground.

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SPONSOR: Hiro PPE

ELASTOMERIC HALF MASK RESPIRATOR (EHMR) WITH DISINFECTION BOX

The Elastomeric Half Mask Respirator (EHMR), sponsored by Hiro PPE, seeks to provide a more breathable protective mask for individuals in polluted environments and healthcare professionals. The EHMR incorporates a filter made of pleated electrospun nanofibers, supplied by Hoff Engineering, and integrates gas sensors to provide information on air quality. Designed to accommodate five different CDC/NIOSH 3D-scanned head shapes, the EHMR utilizes silicone molding to enhance user comfort and facial fit.

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3D PRINTED AIRCRAFT COMPETITION

Team Quetzal have designed and manufactured a 3D printed aircraft with the purpose of entering the 3D Printed Aircraft Competition (3DPAC) hosted by Cal State Los Angeles. 3DPAC includes 3 separate competitions: flight, design and simulation. Per competition guidelines all lifting surfaces and aircraft components must be 3D printed except for electronics and select hardware. The aircraft is limited to 8 seconds of powered flight and must fly within a restricted area of 300 x 160 feet and remain under 35 feet.

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Refined Driver ERGO-JIG

Aztec Electric Racing is in need of an ergonomics jig to help with the predesigned testing for their race car. They would like to have the ergonomics jig be easy to store in a locker in their workshop. AER should be able to manipulate the position of these components in order to get a good idea of the cockpit layout. The jig needs to be reusable and easy to store.

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Team ASML- Optimized Venting

ASML develops Extreme UltraViolet (EUV) lithography light sources using Laser Produced Plasma technology. EUV light is generated by vaporizing small Tin droplets with a Co2 laser, in which the light gets reflected off a large multilayer mirror into the scanner. Team ASML- Optimized Venting has been tasked with delivering an optimized validated design solution to achieve optimal pump down and outgassing parameters for a venting path used in bolted hole sizes: 4mm, 6mm, and 8mm.

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Team AVIAN

Team AVIAN Engineering delivers a wing fold system for General Atomics “MQ-9 Mojave” Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA). The goal of the project is to reduce the aircraft’s wingspan, allowing for increased stowage capability in aircraft carriers and hangars. The design incorporates a hinge with a unique axis of rotation while maintaining the structural integrity for flight. Additionally, a locking mechanism secures the wing for flight and incorporates an indication flag to notify the ground crew in an unlocked position.

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**BUILDING ENCLOSURE FOR THE CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION (CVD) REACTOR AND ASSEMBLY**

Team No Pressure was supplied by AMED Labs with a homebuilt out-of-service reactor to be used in the process of Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD). Using the reactor’s existing design as a baseline, the team has retrofitted the reactor with functioning subsystems, and modified the reactor chamber to allow for a more efficient reaction process, with less precursor waste. The response time of the pressure transducer and thermocouples were optimized to give more accurate control over the reactor’s subsystems.

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**SELF-PROPELLED BEACH WHEELCHAIR**

Team ShoreMobility was challenged with a project by Quality of Life Plus, a national organization dedicated to assisting disabled veterans, and AmpSurf, a non-profit that provides adaptive surf therapy to those with disabilities. The project aims to design a self-propelling beach wheelchair, controllable by a joystick. This chair will allow adaptive surfers to navigate through the beach without assistance, which will allow them more independence. It is also designed to easily withstand wet and sandy terrains.

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**SNORKELING AND DIVING LEG CHALLENGE**

The team has been tasked with the creation of a waterproof prosthetic leg for an individual who underwent a transfemoral amputation. The person has a specific preference for a leg that is buoyant, waterproof, and suitable for aquatic activities like snorkeling and scuba diving. Drawing upon our expertise from San Diego State University, the team has effectively designed and developed a leg that fulfills these requirements through innovative design approaches.

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**MOLTEN ALUMINUM ENERGY STORAGE WITH SUPERCRITICAL CO₂ HEAT TRANSFER FLUID**

The US Department of Energy is invested in supercritical CO₂-based thermodynamic cycles, often paired with solar heat. Consequently, implementing a storage system is crucial for the off-peak operation of such a cycle. The SDSU Combustion and Solar Energy Lab possesses substantial numerical modeling of the high-temperature, latent storage using molten aluminum silicide. However, experimental validation is pending. This system is vital for verifying calculations and material suitability in challenging conditions.

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**GAS TURBINE DRIVESHAFT COVERS**

Solar Turbines produces turbine packages consisting of a turbine engine, driven equipment and a coupling assembly. The coupling covers prevent outside contact with the rotating driveshaft and seal in lubricating oil. The current coupling cover design is prone to leakages which can result in unwanted package shutdowns and fires. Team Titan Seals engineered a new coupling cover design that seals existing leak paths while decreasing cost and weight by using composite materials and specialized gaskets.

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**AUTOMATED ONE WELL PLATE POURER**

In support of Cibus US LLC, an agricultural trait development company, Team Wells Pourgo worked to automate the filling of one-well Petri dishes with plant culture medium. Custom mechanisms were designed and tested to carefully relay the plates through the process. The system can de-stack, fill, and cool the plates before re-stacking them for packaging. Full autonomy is achieved using object sensors to trigger events and stepper motors for actuation. A safety controller monitors e-stop buttons and manages power to the motors.

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