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EXPO is a Vandal tradition of 29 years, the longest-running student engineering and technological innovation showcase in the Pacific Northwest.

Through a mix of in-person and virtual pathways, thousands across the globe experience the many ways University of Idaho students are making a difference and solving real-world problems at the annual Engineering Design EXPO.

Working in teams, senior engineering students from across disciplines present their projects from our college's Interdisciplinary Capstone Design Program, recognized by the National Academy of Engineering as one of the top seven in the nation for infusing real-world experiences into engineering education.

We are thankful for our sponsors, judges, students, faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly to bring our in-person event to fruition in one of the Moscow campus' newest engineering and architectural accomplishments, the Idaho Central Credit Union Arena. I am excited to join you to celebrate our Vandal engineers before they graduate and enter the workforce.

In addition to in-person booth presentations, all of our capstone team projects will be available to browse online. We anticipate and welcome the thousands who will visit uidaho.edu/expo to explore

projects remotely. And more than 60 judges will tune in during online technical presentations to score teams virtually this year.

In addition to our students and industry partners, we welcome the hundreds of high school and middle school students who are participating in the culmination of our EXPO: Engineering the Future design challenge. After working through lessons and projects in the classroom, students will put their skills to the test to build a self-propelled vehicle. Working in teams with no limits to their creativity, students combine their knowledge of material selection, physics, energy and other concepts to meet specific challenge objectives – just like real engineers!

The value of STEM education, hands-on experience and student development is alive and well in EXPO. These events would not be possible without the support of our industry partners and friends of the College of Engineering.

I want to thank this year's corporate sponsor Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories for their generosity and commitment to EXPO.

In addition, I want to thank all of the sponsors and partners that support EXPO activities from our Engineering the Future program to providing support to our capstone students.

Thank you to the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium, U of I Engineering Outreach, Exhibitor Battelle Energy Alliance, the Idaho STEM Action Center, Coeur d'Alene Tribes, CCI Speer, HP, Integra DeLamar, Idaho Power, Power Engineers, Avista Corp., Integra de Lamar and Perpetua Resources, J-U-B Engineers, Clearwater Paper and Geotek, Inc.

Whether in-person or remotely, I hope you join me in engaging with our up-and-coming Vandal engineers by commenting on team projects, asking questions and encouraging others to participate and learn more about what it means to Engineer Like a Vandal.

Sincerely

John Crepeau, Interim Dean
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University of Idaho

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We look forward to talking with you about how you can help support this event and current and future students.

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MEET OUR JUDGES

Judges are a critical part of the Engineering Design EXPO experience for University of Idaho College of Engineering students. Interaction between students and judges creates opportunities for students to gain new insight and learn about engineering career paths and the profession in general.

Thank You for Joining Us!

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Amanda Battles, *Clearwater Paper*

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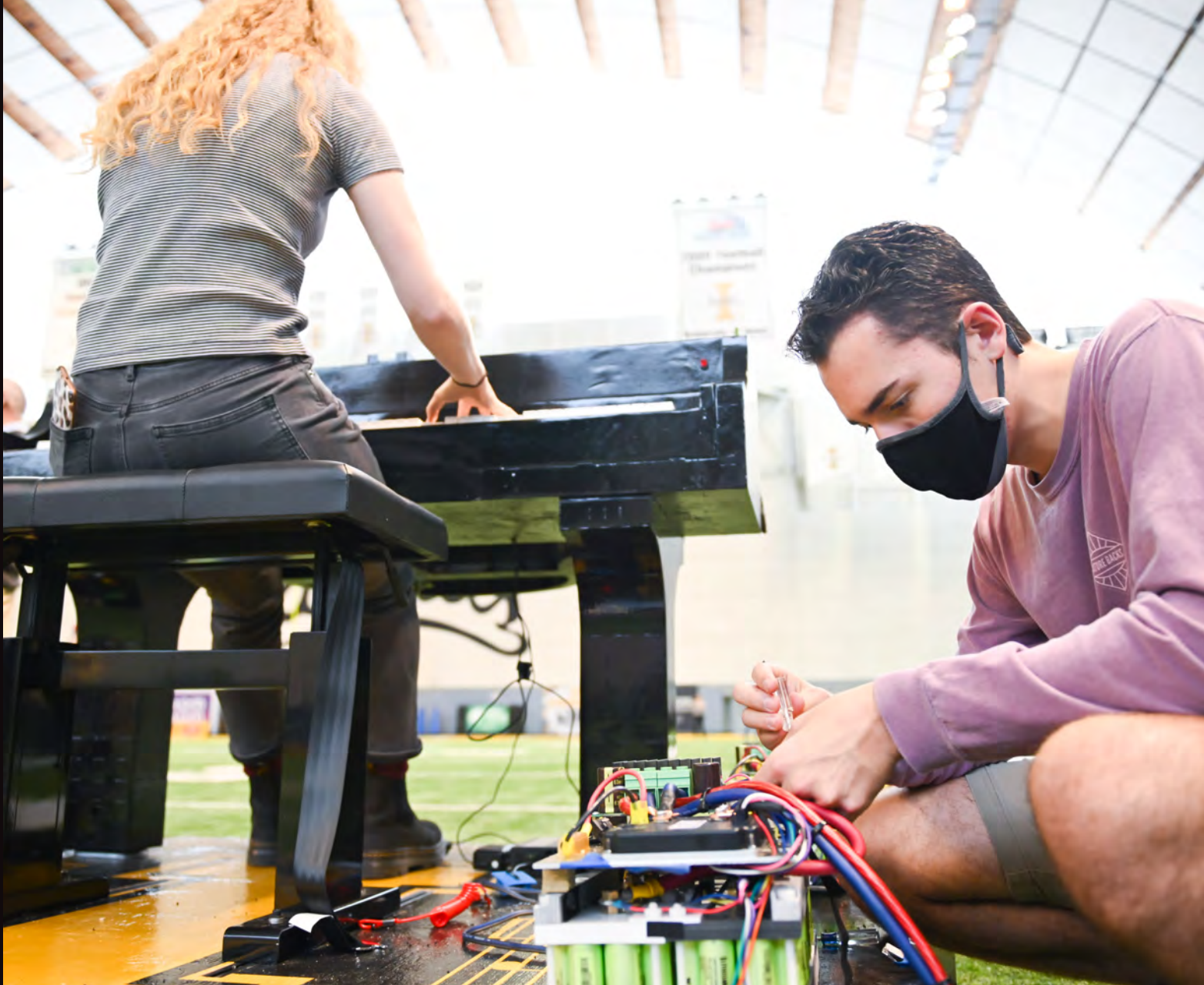
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THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING CAPSTONE PROGRAM

Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering as one of the top seven in the nation, the University of Idaho College of Engineering Senior Capstone Design Program infuses real-world experiences into undergraduate engineering education.

Engineering students work in interdisciplinary teams on creative projects sponsored by valued industry partners, private individuals or U of I departments. Courses in the program emphasize the design process and the creation of a thoughtfully engineered, tested and validated outcome or prototype.

Our annual Engineering Design EXPO, the longest-running student engineering innovation showcase in the Pacific Northwest, is the culmination of the capstone program. Seniors present their work at EXPO through professional exhibits and technical presentations.

Biological Engineering

SHEAR STRESS BIOREACTOR TO STUDY MECHANOBIOLOGY OF STEM CELLS

Our project focuses on developing an accurate, low-cost flow shear stress bioreactor to test the effects of mechanobiology on stem cells during tenogenesis, the differentiation of stem cells into tendon cells. Better being able to test mechanobiology's effect on stem cell differentiation would allow a greater understanding of necessary conditions for tenogenesis to occur, leading to the eventual goal of being able to reliably produce replacement tendon tissue for medical purposes.

Team Members

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Faculty Advisor

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CONTINUOUS BIOCHAR REACTOR TO IMPROVE CROP NUTRIENT AND WATER RETENTION

Due to the natural geography of the Palouse, farmers face multiple challenges with water distribution and nutrient retention in crops. Improvements can be made through the introduction of a charcoal-like substance called biochar, which has properties that allow for increased nutrient retention and water absorption in soil. The development of a small, low-cost biochar reactor would help mitigate the negative geographical effects the Palouse presents and allow farmers to increase crop yield.

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PORTABLE BIODIESEL PRODUCTION SYSTEM

Traditional means of producing biofuels are energy inefficient, time consuming and require significant infrastructure. The goal of this project is to design and construct a portable device housing Dr. Sarah Wu's patented plasma reactor to produce useable biofuel efficiently, anywhere. By manufacturing a portable and affordable reactor system, the widespread everyday use of cheap biofuel can become an economically practical and environmentally friendly reality.

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Civil Engineering

US-95 OVER FOUR MILE CREEK

US-95 over Four Mile Creek is a bridge replacement project sponsored by Idaho Transportation Department. The current bridge, located just north of Moscow, was built in 1949 and since has experienced foundation scour and deterioration of the guardrails. By completing this project, we ensure that the local and statewide community can safely and efficiently navigate US-95 for years to come.

Team Members

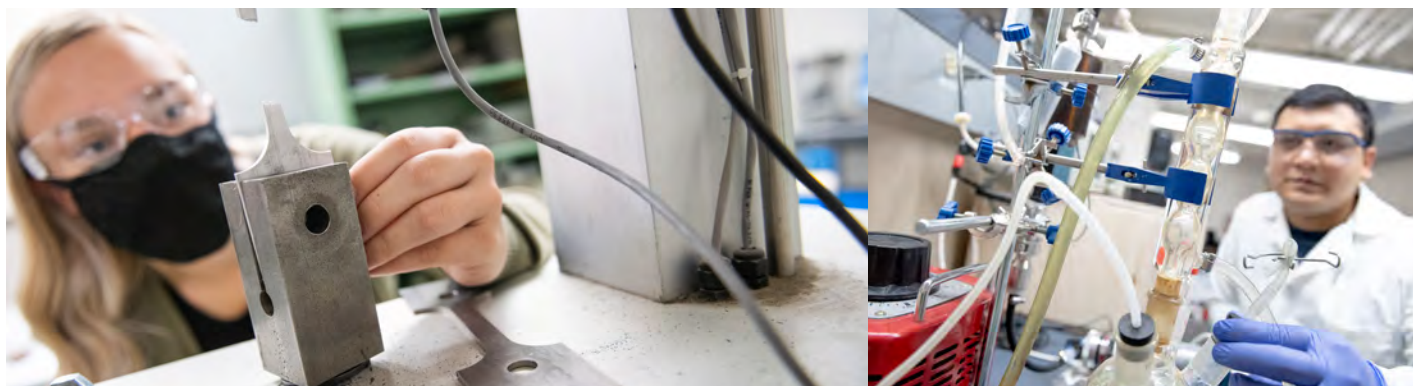
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RAPID LIGHTNING CREEK BRIDGE #5

Our project is to redesign and reconstruct Rapid Lightning Bridge #5 in Bonner County, Idaho. The current bridge needs to be replaced due to the bridge's poor substructure rating and excessive scour on the foundations.

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LEWISTON WELL #7

Our team is designing multiple components of a well for the city of Lewiston, Idaho. The components include site layout, site access design, hydrological analysis, pump selection, well house design, and the transmission main design. The purpose of this project is to locate the new well and design all subsequent components to pump water from the Grande Ronde Aquifer, linking this to the current distribution system via a transmission main into the South High Reservoir.

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CRESTVIEW DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

This is the design for a subdivision roundabout that includes a vertical and horizontal alignment, a retaining wall and stormwater conveyance system. This will provide the transportation infrastructure for 50-75 homes.

Team Members

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CAMP SWEYOLAKAN WATER FACILITY PLAN AND UPGRADE

The purpose of this project is to create a water facility plan detailing the deficiencies of the Camp Sweyolakan drinking water system, create a program of upgrades, and design several of the updates in detail. Camp Sweyolakan is a children's summer camp on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The camp drinking water system was built in 1922 and faces many age-related issues. Additional design challenges include planning for an expansion of camp capacity and increasing the operating season of the camp.

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FOURTH STREET AND HONEYSUCKLE AVENUE ROUNDABOUT IN HAYDEN, IDAHO

We are creating a roundabout to replace the existing intersection in order to provide better road flow, safety and quality. Additionally, roundabouts are an opportunity to add a positive aesthetic element to any area.

Team Members

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SR-248 SHOULDER RUNNING BUS

State Route 248 in Park City, Utah, experiences high levels of westbound congestion that needs to be alleviated, specifically in the morning commute. To address this, a rehabilitation project will be completed for the roadway that will include improving pedestrian safety and widening to add a westbound shoulder running bus lane from US 40 to SR-224.

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FLOATING FEATHER ROAD & BRIDGE RENOVATION

Suburb developments are in the works in Star, Idaho, and to accommodate the influx of people in the area, a section of Floating Feather Road, including a bridge, must be improved. The main objectives of this project are to increase the safety rating for future automobiles and pedestrians by adding a middle turn lane and multi-use lanes on either side of traffic flow. We will also be designing and implementing a new, larger bridge to support the additional infrastructure.

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Chemical Engineering

MODULAR DISTRIBUTED GAS-TO-LIQUIDS (GTL) SYNTHESIS

In this project, a modular system converting natural gas into longer-chain hydrocarbons was designed. The system converts methane and steam into carbon monoxide and hydrogen gas that is further reacted to products such as diesel fuel. The system was optimized to maximize profitability, operate with minimum carbon emissions and be easily deployed at oil wells.

Team Members

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PRESSURE SWING ADSORPTION: A FUNCTIONAL APPARATUS AND FUTURE TEACHING TOOL

Pressure swing adsorption, often abbreviated as PSA, is a common separation technique that is used to generate high-purity gas streams in industries such as manufacturing, food processing and even healthcare. Our team designed and built a PSA apparatus that will generate streams of oxygen and nitrogen for use in the chemical engineering laboratories. Further, our team completed a scale up and economic analysis of this technology for producing medical grade oxygen on-site at a medical facility.

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CONVERSION OF CO₂ INTO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCT

With the ever-increasing push to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, the ability to convert CO₂ into a value-added product is a better option for businesses than release. In this project, a system was designed to convert CO₂ in a trickle-bed reactor. The bench scale system was also scaled in an economic study for application in a natural gas power plant.

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ACID MINE DRAINAGE PREVENTION AT BUNKER HILL MINE

The formation of acid mine drainage at the Bunker Hill Mine, located in Kellogg, Idaho, poses a large risk to the environment. In this project, research and design of a mine cap was completed to prevent precipitation from infiltrating into the mine through the Guy Caves surface depression. An economic analysis of the construction costs was also completed to guide Bunker Hill's mitigation plan.

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Computer Science

SENTENCE EXPANSION FOR ONLINE STORYTELLING

Transforming a sentence of a few words into a context centered paragraph can help disabled individuals with limited typing ability, allowing them to type large paragraphs in a timely manner and provide an auto-generated explanation for test questions with online learning systems.

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HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE GESTURE SYSTEM

Many hospitals today still handle most of their medical equipment by hand. This requires that the doctors and nurses touch these devices in order to interact with the user interface, spending precious time cleaning and sanitizing each device after each use. We are creating a gesture based user interface system. The device will capture hand gestures from the user that will be able to operate medical equipment, handsfree.

Team Members

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ELECTRIC BLOCKS II - REALISTIC POWER SIMULATION IN MINECRAFT

Electric Blocks I brought accurate power flow simulation to Minecraft, but needed polish and quality of life improvements to be viable for its stated "educational and engineering purposes." Electric Blocks II will add improvements to the user experience, audiovisual presentation, and documentation to aid in usability.

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VMCRAFT II - MINECRAFT VIRTUALIZATION

Along with help from a faculty member, we are developing an exciting way to increase interest and education in cybersecurity through VMCraft-II. This Minecraft mod will allow students to create a virtual computer within Minecraft and further allow educators to create virtual scenarios down the road for education. We hope to expand upon previously completed VMCraft (I) to allow for enterprise virtualization. This will allow for the ability to have many virtual machines connected to one network.

Team Members

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VIDEO GAME ENVIRONMENT FOR ARM ASSESSMENT THROUGH A ROBOTIC EXOSKELETON

The University of Idaho Assistive Robotics Lab is building an exoskeleton called BLUE SABINO to measure arm and hand function in individuals with neurological impairment (e.g. stroke). Providing clear and repeatable tasks to subjects during assessment is important and a current challenge with real-world objects. To address this, we have used the Unity Game Engine to build a configurable task environment where subjects can be presented with consistent and repeatable task guidance and feedback.

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ONLYFACTORIES - FACTORY 4.0

Our team's project is a full stack web application that allows users to order and live track one or more disks from a remote mini factory located in the Computer Science office in Couer d'Alene. This web application can be scaled and utilized in a live factory environment for sending, tracking and managing orders. The application could also be used for different levels of education to support robotics programs.

Team Members

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BAYVIEW NAVY - AUXILIARY POWER SYSTEM FOR SUBMARINE GUIDANCE NAVIGATION CONTROLLER

The Bayview Navy has an unmanned electric submarine that they use to gather sensitive acoustic data. One vital component to this is the Guidance Navigation Controller (GNC). Any failure or bump in power will restart the system, cause unnecessary down time and potentially damage the submarine if a power failure happens during testing. Our project is to redesign the power system so that the GNC is always on and does not have a power bump when switching to backup power if one power source fails.

Team Members

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TANGIBLE OBJECT RECOGNITION: JOYSTICK

Most joysticks used with touchscreens are virtual and cannot provide reliable movement without looking at the joystick directly. Our project provides a way to use touchscreen controls without the need for vision. We have created a physical joystick to be placed on a touchscreen surface, combined with software to recognize the joystick's location and tilt. With no battery or plug required, this project has potential for use with medical instruments, drones, and other joystick-controlled devices.

Team Members

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INFRASONIC WILDFIRE DETECTION

As wildfires become an increasingly prevalent threat to homes and businesses, early detection becomes essential to avert the crisis. Since it is challenging to survey large wildlife areas with current methods, deployable infrasound sensors can supplement the effort by detecting the signatures of wildfires in their earliest stages, enabling rapid firefighter response.

Team Members

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ATTITUDE DETERMINATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR SMALL SATELLITE BUS

The Nano Orbital Workshop (NOW) at the NASA Ames Research Center is testing new technologies using its Technical and Educational Satellites (TES). NOW has been unable to achieve this goal due to difficulties producing attitude determination and control systems (ADCS) for its satellites. Existing ADCS options are costly and prone to long lead-times, limiting the rate at which NOW can launch TESs. Team Attitude Adjustment will develop a simple and affordable alternative to current ADCS solutions.

Team Members

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DEBALING AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS FOR BIOPROCESSING INDUSTRIES, IMPLEMENTING AN ANTI-CLOGGING ALGORITHM

Raw agricultural materials are used in various applications, such as biofuels and bioplastics. These materials are shipped in bales and must be turned back into the loose material. Current machines can debale but produce too many fines. Our team is continuing work on the debaler prototype, giving it the potential to debale various types of agricultural materials autonomously, efficiently, without producing fines. Once completed, this prototype can be scaled to fit larger applications.

Team Members

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DESIGN OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SIMULATION EXERCISES

This is a distributed real-time control system where controller and operator receive measurement data from around substations in the power system. The autonomous functions and the operator can take actions such as changing generator set points, switching capacitor banks, possibly shedding load. This will help students learn about what actions operators can take to resolve problems and methods for improving power system reliability and resilience.

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Mechanical Engineering

NASA CRYOGENIC TENSILE TESTER

We are making a low cost tensile tester that operates at low temperatures. With assistance from NASA, we aim to allow the University of Idaho to test materials at cryogenic temperatures. The importance of our project can be expressed through imitating the conditions experienced by materials used for rockets and satellites.

Team Members

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Client/Sponsor

NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium

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NUCLEAR FUEL PIN JACKET PRODUCTION

Nuclear energy is a viable solution to produce clean energy. The Versatile Test Reactor is a sodium-cooled fast nuclear reactor that will help supply the world with clean energy. Currently, no system exists to produce sodium protected fuel rods for use at a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory. This project is an automated system that extrudes sodium wire into a fuel pin jacket to protect the internal systems from oxygen in the environment. Our objective is to show proof of concept to load 300 pins per week.

Team Members

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SINGLE LEVER TILT AND TELESCOPE ADJUSTMENT FOR FORKLIFT STEERING COLUMN

A sizeable amount of time operating a forklift is sunk into adjusting the steering column between users as there are often several operators per machine. Adjusting the column position using the two existing levers only takes a few seconds, however that time adds up. By condensing the two adjustment levers into a single motion, downtime is reduced. Our goal is to create a more robust version of the technology found in passenger vehicles that can be installed into Hyster-Yale forklifts.

Team Members

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SEL PACKAGE DROPPING MACHINE

SEL performs drop tests on packages to ensure they can withstand shipping. These tests are currently done by hand. This process is physically strenuous, ergonomically challenging and introduces the risk of injury to the operator. This method also adds variability in testing, including differences in timing during a two-person drop. Equipment capable of providing a stable and accurate test would improve performance and reduce the labor involved with transportation

Team Members

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TWO STROKE ENGINE EMISSIONS AND CALIBRATION

We've worked to modify an existing snowmobile in order to meet specific sound and emission requirements outlined in the national SAE Clean Snowmobile Competition. Engine calibration, exhaust modification and aftertreatment, test cell updates and computer modeling are all utilized in order to reach our goal. This carries over into the automotive world as we attempt to continue improvement in order to meet the societal demand for cleaner and more efficient vehicles without limiting rideability or rider enjoyment.

Team Members

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POP 'N LOCK ROBOTIC ARM

Manufacturing processes are starting to incorporate more robotic equipment that increases productivity. Currently, these robots cannot easily be reconfigured once they are designed. Our quick attach robotic arm linkage will change this and allow for industrial robots to be quickly reconfigured to serve other purposes. Our goal is to hold the design integrity while allowing for quick adaptations.

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FIXTURE FOR MEASURING BACKLASH IN RIFLE SCOPES

Our team has worked with Nightforce Optics in prototyping a lead screw adjustment mechanism for verifying the accuracy of turret components used in rifle scopes. By incorporating this tool in the manufacturing process, more accurate bullet trajectories can be realized by hunters, service men and women, and law enforcement officers.

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TRACKED FORESTRY RESEARCH ROBOT

Forests in the Northwest are filled with small, low-diameter trees and brush that are the perfect fuel for forest fires. Using machinery is the best way to clear this brush and reduce wildfire risk, but it has economic drawbacks. This project addresses that issue by having a small form-factor, electric drive, and potential for future independent operation. We are creating a small, remote control, potentially self-driven, machine for better brush clearing. This will ease forest management.

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FIRE-RESISTANT WIND TUNNEL

Wildfires are a significant and growing cause of public devastation. We are designing and testing a fire-resistant wind tunnel to simulate embers dispersed through a forest fire. This wind tunnel will need to withstand extreme heat, and results from these experiments will help us better understand how wildfires spread to help save lives and property.

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Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) has sponsored our team to use X-ray images to allow non-destructive inspection of their electronics.

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PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT AND MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CONVERSION

The University of Idaho received a declassified hybrid-electric military vehicle that will become a campus attraction to display the excellence of Vandal engineering. We are repurposing the vehicle by converting the hybrid-electric system to fully-electric, improving the electrical systems, altering the cabin, repairing the chassis and extensive design work.

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LEG EXOSKELETON FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WALKING ASSISTANCE

Currently, most walking assistance devices for those with limited leg strength/mobility provide full-propulsion, which replaces the use of remaining muscle in the leg and can lead to muscle degeneration. The goal of this project is to create a device to help the user walk across flat ground, without replacing use of their own muscles. This project has the potential to improve our client's quality of life and could advance the technology of walking devices for a range of disabilities/conditions.

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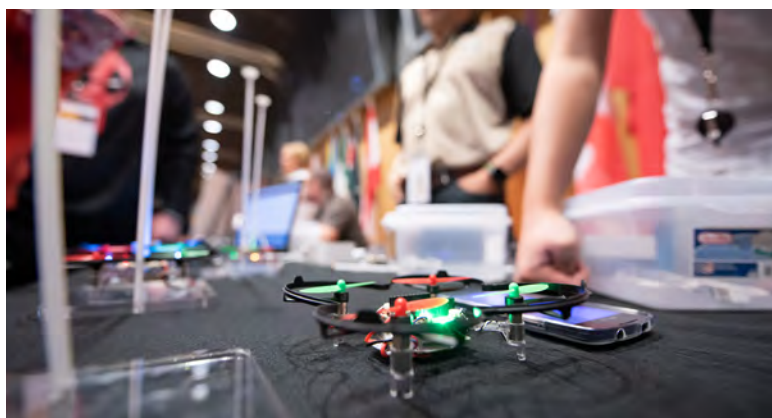


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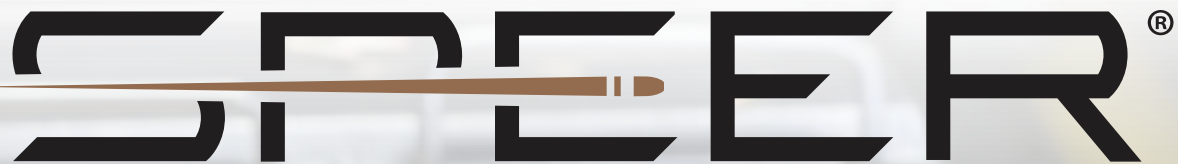


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