Not your ordinary after-school project

Motivating the next generation through interdisciplinary design challenges

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Mixed Messages

he challenges of inspiring youth

The aerospace industry is seen as intimidating for many youth, only accessible by exceptional individuals

We place emphasis on entry into the industry, and not on providing the tools to drive it

As seen on Amazon

Student Developed Autonomous Aircraft



Pusher-style AC with electric powerhouse

30 minute endurance

Multi-camera payload with 2 DOF gimbaling, 30 fps downlink

Image geolocation and stitching on ground

Auto take-off/landing, waypoint navigation

Beginning work towards collision detection and avoidance routines

Fundamentals of Rocket Science

Sounding rocket development for high-school student payloads

N2O-Paraffin/Al hybrid engine

12 kN-s total impulse

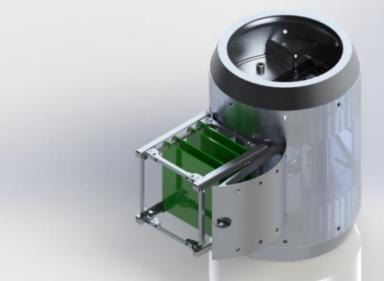
Swirl-stabilized oxidizer injector

Regen-cooled nozzle

10,000ft apogee

1U CubeSat deployment

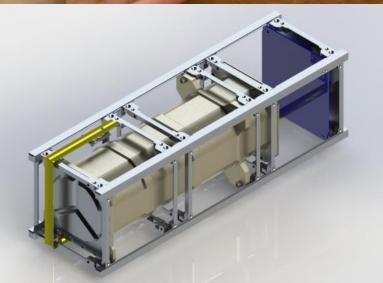




Space is Accessible

Space life sciences research on a small satellite





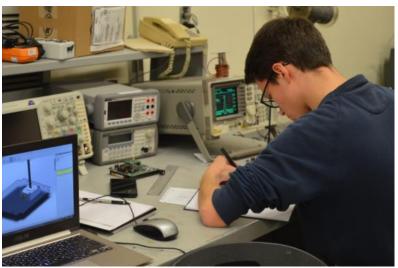
3U CubeSat platform

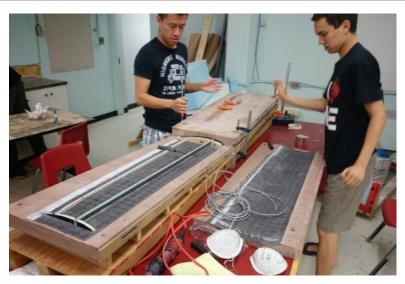
ISS Deployment late 2017

Examining pathogenicity/drug resistance of commensal microorganisms

The Takeaway









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