

# Tristan Brasov

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## EDUCATION

<b>University of Colorado</b> <b>Master of Science, Aerospace Engineering</b> Focus on Fluids, Structures, and Materials	<b>Boulder, Colorado</b> August 2025 – Present GPA: 3.65/4.0
<b>University of Missouri</b> <b>Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering</b> Minor: Aerospace	<b>Columbia, Missouri</b> Graduated May 2025 GPA: 3.6/4.0

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Software:** MATLAB, SolidWorks, Fusion 360, Siemens NX, ANSYS, STAR-CCM+, XFOIL, 3D printing  
**Analysis and Standards:** computational fluid dynamics, finite element analysis, GD&T (ASME Y14.5)

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

<b>Integrated Remote and In-Situ Sensing Lab; Independent Study;</b> Boulder, CO	<b>January 2026 – Present</b>
• Defined a computational fluid dynamics framework in STAR-CCM+ to assess local flow distortion on the DataHawk2 UAS	
• Created the first baseline CAD model of the UAS in SolidWorks/Fusion 360 to support aerodynamic analysis and iteration	
<b>JetZero; Configuration and Flight Performance Engineering Intern (NDA);</b> Long Beach, CA	<b>June 2024 – August 2024</b>
• Architected mass properties workflow in MATLAB to integrate 5500+ parts, replacing legacy center of gravity (CG) methods	
• Corrected MATLAB and NX data gaps by tracing errors across airframe, propulsion, and fuel groups to restore mass accuracy	
• Built fuel modeling suite to inform selection of a 2 tank layout over 3 by evaluating CG impacts across pitch, roll, and yaw	
• Produced weight and CG material for two USAF and NASA reviews, shaping blended wing body layout decisions	
<b>McKinstry; Construction Project Engineering Intern;</b> Denver, CO	<b>June 2023 – August 2023</b>
• Supported project engineering on an \$83M facility upgrade coordinating trades, vendors, and schedules across systems	
• Diagnosed failure modes across 11 air handling units, reducing recurring equipment faults from 5 to 10% annually to zero	
• Led short term scheduling efforts to maintain a two-week schedule buffer amid changing construction constraints	
• Authored 15+ RFIs and proposals to resolve scope ambiguity and accelerate cross team approvals	

## PROJECTS

<b>Flying Lab for Airborne Isotope Research; Graduate Project;</b> Boulder, CO	<b>January 2026 – Present</b>
• Redesigned the inlet geometry to reduce separation at 15 to 20 m/s and improve flow quality into laser hardware	
• Integrated honeycomb and mesh straighteners to improve downstream velocity uniformity under tight space constraints	
<b>HAPPY RAMPS; Senior Capstone Design Project Leader;</b> Columbia, MO	<b>January 2025 – May 2025</b>
• Led aluminum ramp structural design and validated geometry by finite element analysis, increasing factor of safety by 40%	
• Designed and machined aluminum jigs to support TIG weld up, cutting fabrication time by 50% and reducing rework	
• Applied ASME Y14.5 GD&T to 10+ part and weld drawings to ensure fit up and manufacturing repeatability	
<b>Mizzou Formula Society of Automotive Engineers; Team Member;</b> Columbia, MO	<b>August 2021 – May 2022</b>
• Manufactured carbon fiber front wing assemblies, improving aero balance and reducing lap time by 0.5 s	
• Tuned front and rear wing settings and suspension to improve stability above 30 mph on tight competition courses	
• Developed a new dashboard layout in SolidWorks to improve driver visibility during competition events	

## LEADERSHIP

<b>Veritas; Campus Ministry Small Group Leader</b>	<b>January 2022 – May 2025</b>
• Led small teams through goal setting/execution, resolving conflicts, and enforcing accountability over multi-year timelines	
• Coordinated outreach and event planning that scaled weekly participation from 250 to over 1000 students	
<b>Mizzou Student Foundation; Director of Thankful Tigers</b>	<b>August 2022 – May 2025</b>
• Raised \$11K+ in scholarships by engaging campus organizations, guiding 6 students to complete their degrees	
• Facilitated a donor appreciation dinner for top Mizzou supporters, contributing to a \$40K growth in annual giving	