

# Tristan Brasov

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## EDUCATION

### University of Colorado

#### **Master of Science, Aerospace Engineering**

*Focus on Fluids, Structures, and Materials*

**Boulder, Colorado**

*August 2025 – Present*

*GPA: 3.65/4.0*

### University of Missouri

#### **Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering**

*Minor: Aerospace*

**Columbia, Missouri**

*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

### **Integrated Remote and In-Situ Sensing Lab; Independent Study; Boulder, CO**

**January 2026 – Present**

- 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

### **JetZero; Configuration and Flight Performance Engineering Intern (NDA); Long Beach, CA**

**June 2024 – August 2024**

- 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

### **McKinstry; Construction Project Engineering Intern; Denver, CO**

**June 2023 – August 2023**

- 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

### **Flying Lab for Airborne Isotope Research; Graduate Project; Boulder, CO**

**January 2026 – Present**

- 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

### **HAPPY RAMPS; Senior Capstone Design Project Leader; Columbia, MO**

**January 2025 – May 2025**

- 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

### **Mizzou Formula Society of Automotive Engineers; Team Member; Columbia, MO**

**August 2021 – May 2022**

- 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

### **Veritas; Campus Ministry Small Group Leader**

**January 2022 – May 2025**

- 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

### **Mizzou Student Foundation; Director of Thankful Tigers**

**August 2022 – May 2025**

- 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