

### TJ UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE CLUB



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## ABOUT US

We are Thomas Jefferson's High School's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Club. At TJUAV, we are dedicated to advancing our knowledge in aeronautical engineering. Each year, we design and manufacture an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) to compete in the SUAS Competition by RoboNation, an internationally recognized event that simulates a search and rescue operation.

Through TJUAV, students can...

- Explore aviation and engineering concepts through large-scale, hands-on projects
- Gain hands-on experiences through:
  - Proposing ideas
  - Testing designs
  - Refining prototypes
- Develop solutions to competition challenges in a collaborative environment

## THE COMPETITION

**SUAS by RoboNation** is an international, collegiate competition that has hosted **over 75 teams** in recent years. SUAS's mission is to simulate an unmanned search and rescue situation.

The competition is held at **St. Mary's County Regional Airport (2W6)** in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

More information about the competition can be found here: https://suas-competition.org/

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### 2019:

This year was our **first year competing** at the SUAS competition. We developed the **Razgriz**, a Skywalker X8 airframe that was modified to fit radios in the fuselage and a camera in the nose of imagery.

 We placed 23rd overall out of 75 teams and 18th in Mission Demonstrations.

#### 2020 & 2021:

For 2020, we developed the **Hyperion**, a Skywalker Titan airframe that was modified to fit a UGV payload drop mechanism, radios for communication, and a camera gimbal for the imagery system.

For 2021, we constructed the **Avalon V1**, the first plane that me made **completely from scratch**.

 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 SUAS competitions were cancelled.

### 2022:

For **Avalon Mk 2 and Mk 3.5**, we modified the Avalon Mk 1 by interchanging its foam board wings for a monokote covering and a plastic shrink wrap material.

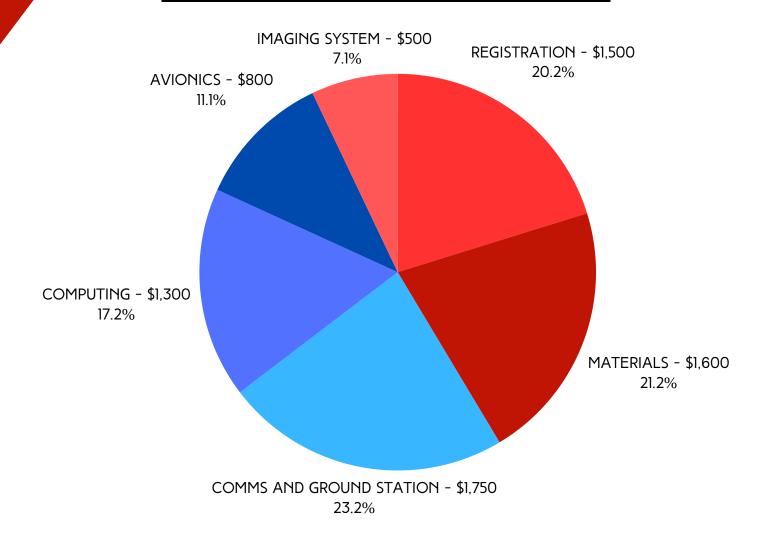
 We placed 23rd overall out of 71 teams and 18th in Mission Demonstrations.

### 2023 & 2024:

We created **Avalon Mk X and Mk XI**, we altered Avalon Mk 3.5 with 3d printed bulkheads, covered with foam panels, larger battery, and a more compact electronics bay and payload section.

 We placed 14th overall out of 72 teams and 2nd in Mission Demonstrations.

## **EXPENSES**



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