

NASA HUNCH Design and Prototype

Lunar Sample Tongs Finalists 2020

Congratulations to the following teams who are invited for the Final Design Review in Houston. If you see any mistakes in names or other information, please send me any corrections. and I will update each of the lists accordingly. Teams that are listed here should make updates their designs and presentations. Improvements to the prototypes and presentation boards should reflect comments made by the mentors and evaluators. These pictures are not placed in any type of order and do not reflect any kind of scale or ranking. I intend for all of the lists to be posted to the HUNCH design web page and will remain there so students can reference it when applying to schools and universities. I am very proud of the work everyone has done and wish all of you the best of luck.

Pointers for Lunar Sample Tongs:

I do not expect this prototype to be made of flight materials but it should be as fully functional as possible. There should not be any cardboard. 3D prints are good but you should move beyond any wood components. Choose a person in your group and make the size of your prototype fit that person's needs. This should be a one handed, gloved operation. Be able to pick up a variety of sized rocks that are of various shapes without picking up lots of dust. What can you do to prevent a crew member from dropping the tongs but still easy to let go of it when they need their hand free? What is your plan for keeping the weight down for the flight unit?



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Students: Trevor Bean, Blake Clark
Project: Lunar Tongs
Teacher: David Laughlin
Mentor: Glenn Johnson
School: Bridgeland--Texas



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Project: Lunar Tongs
Teacher: Eric Canistorp
Mentor: Glenn Johnson
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