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The 13-member U.Va. team tied for first place in the U.S. division. A University of Tokyo undergraduate team won top honors in the non-U.S. category.

“These aerospace undergraduate students devoted a lot of time and energy to this design project, as is evident in their success in this international competition,” said Jim McDaniel, professor of aerospace engineering and faculty advisor for the project.

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