

FAMU Students Fly With NASA

In the summer of 2011, ARTSI students at Florida A&M University, advised by Professor Clement Allen, flew with their robot on a NASA plane used to simulate zero-gravity environments. Known as the "Vomit Comet", the test plane performs repeated climbs and dives, and during the dives, the occupants are weightless. The FAMU students were studying the use of a fan to keep a robot stably in contact with a surface so it could navigate under zero gravity conditions.