

"Plan B", one of the autonomous vehicles that was a semifinalist in the recent DARPA Grand Challenge, will be on campus on Wednesday November 14 at 4PM. This vehicle, based on a hybrid SUV, was designed and built by Tulane School of Engineering alumni at Team Gray, a Metairie, Louisiana team made up of employees of GrayMatter, Inc.

Team Gray is the racing venture of GrayMatter, Inc., makers of the AVS™ driving system. The team began competing in autonomous ground vehicle competitions in response to the 2005 DARPA Grand Challenge. Their vehicle "KAT-5" finished fourth in a 132-mile race across the Nevada desert without any human interaction, becoming one of only five vehicles out of 195 entrants to finish the grueling course. Team Gray's new vehicle, "Plan B," is a showcase of the latest technologies developed by GrayMatter for fields ranging from military hardware to automotive testing equipment.

The vehicle will be in the parking lot behind Wall Residential College, and Jorge Nagel (a BME and ME alum) will be there to answer questions and demonstrate the unique features of "Plan B".