Misto Quentinho

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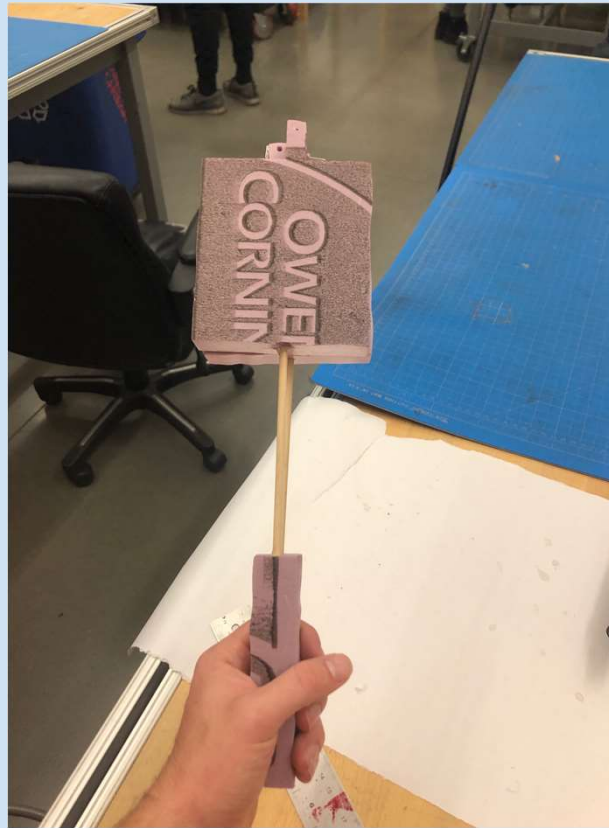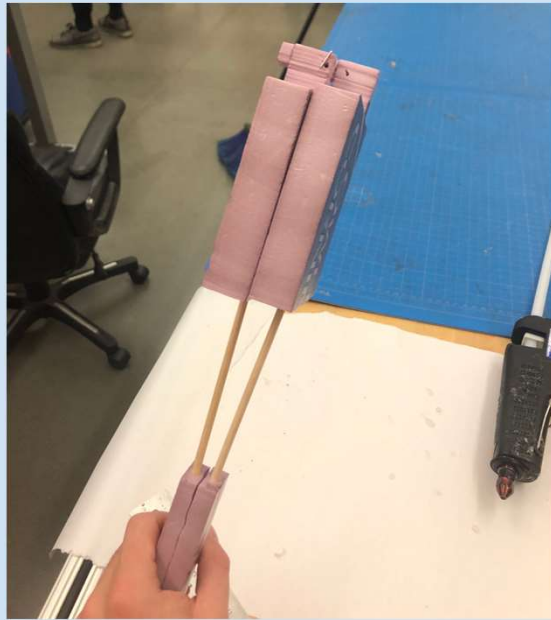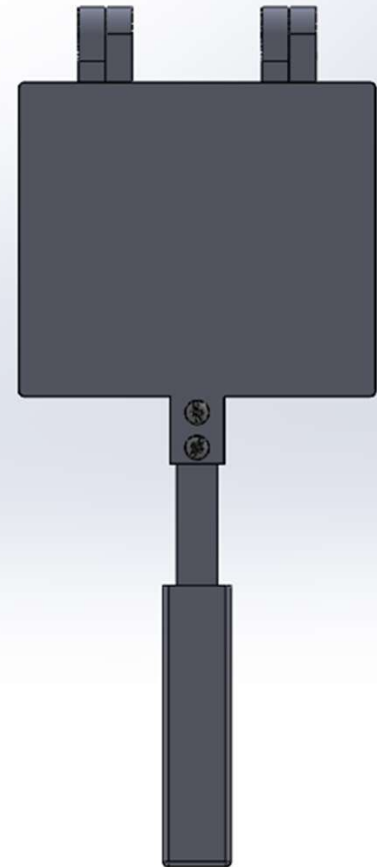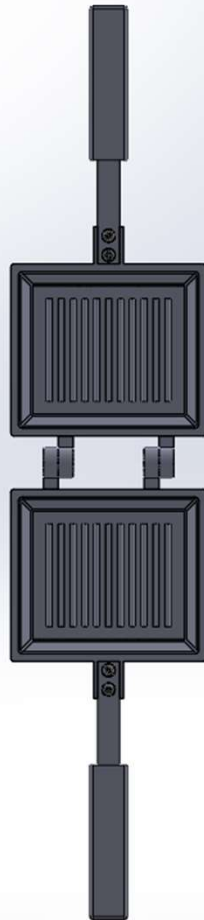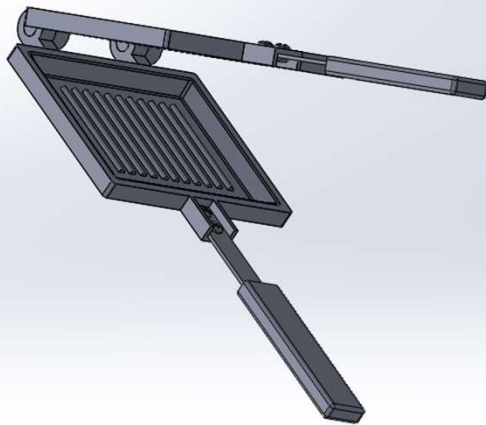
Story & Meaning

When I created 10 potential product ideas, the *Misto Quentinho* was the only one that struck a chord. The other products seemed feasible and many seemed easier, but none of them felt as personal. The *Misto Quentinho* gave me a nostalgic inspiration that is hard to describe. My Brazilian heritage played a large part of my childhood and my identity. My Mom would speak with me in Portuguese around the house and we visited family in Brazil as many times as possible. When we were home, my Mom would often shop at local Brazilian stores in order to give all of us a taste of Brazil. These stores allowed us to stay in touch with Brazil. The most vintage example was my Mom's tradition of making *Misto Quentes* on Saturday and Sunday mornings. A *Misto Quente* in Brazil is a ham and cheese sandwich melt. It's a staple of Brazilian cuisine and my Mom would make them fresh. She had a panini press similar to the *Misto Quentinho*. She would make the sandwiches and me and my brother would run to the kitchen as fast as we could. As we got older, my Mom taught us how to perfect them and toast the sandwich to the perfect crisp.

The only issue was the panini press she had was from Brazil and it was very small. The standard bread size in Brazil is much smaller than in America, so she could only make the sandwich one half at a time. This inspired me to make a product that could fit a whole sandwich. This is the product's core function, but ultimately the *Misto Quentinho's* real purpose is to give my Mom something tangible that symbolizes my appreciation for everything she's done for me. My Mom is my hero and this product is for her. My motivation and drive has all been centered around giving back to her and hopefully I can bring the *Misto Quentinho* back home, so that I can finally make her a fresh *Misto Quente*.
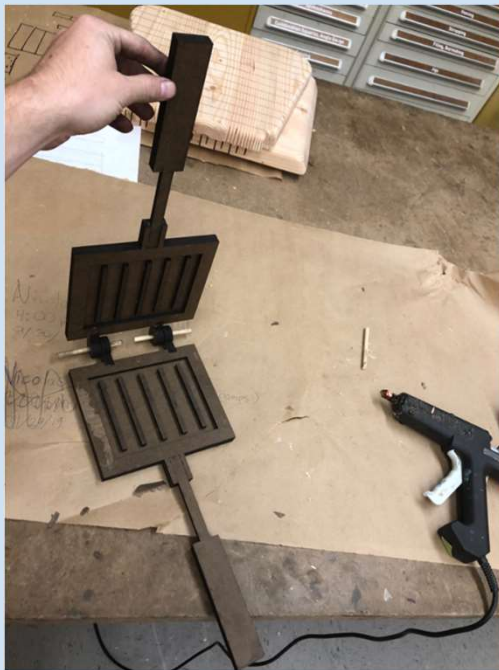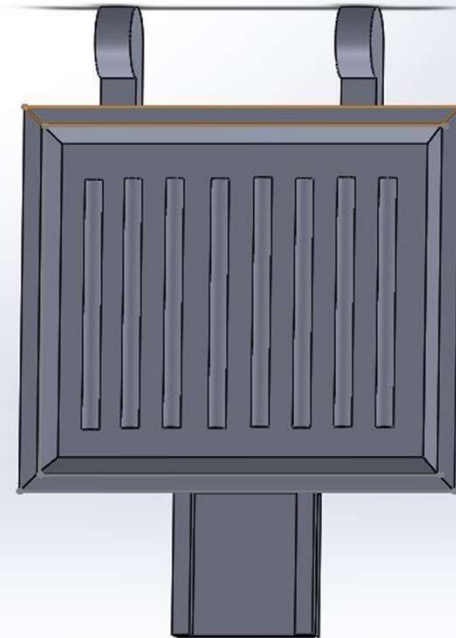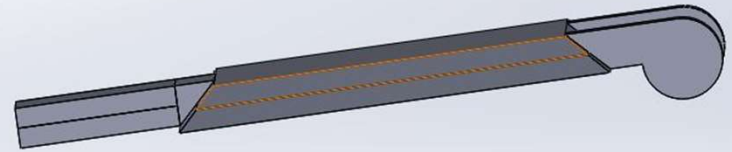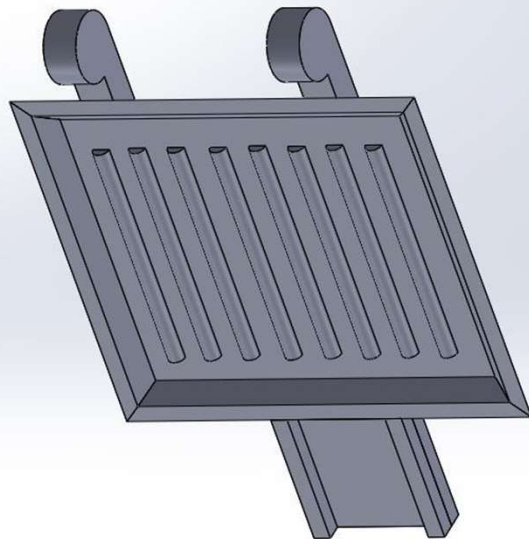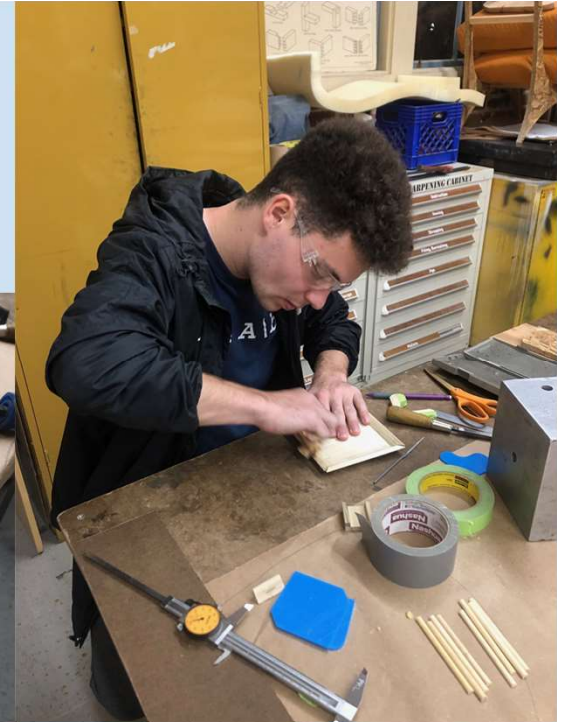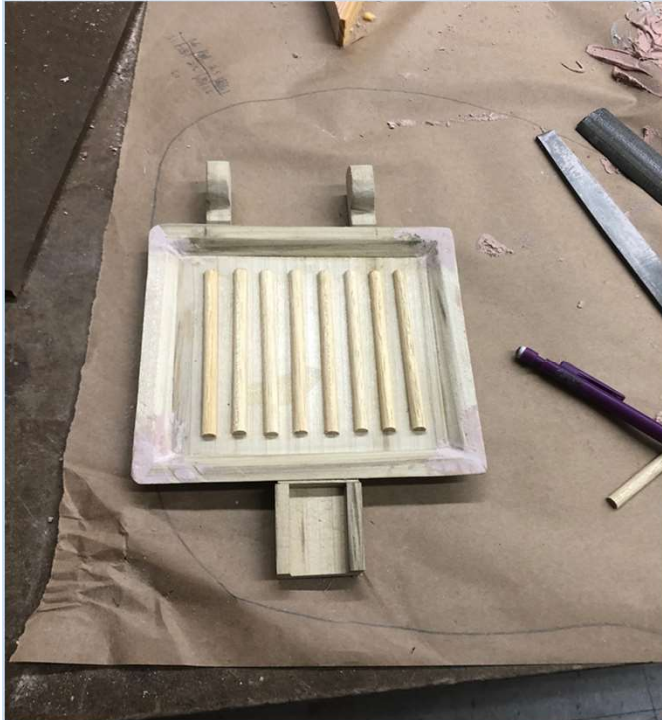
Rapid Prototyping

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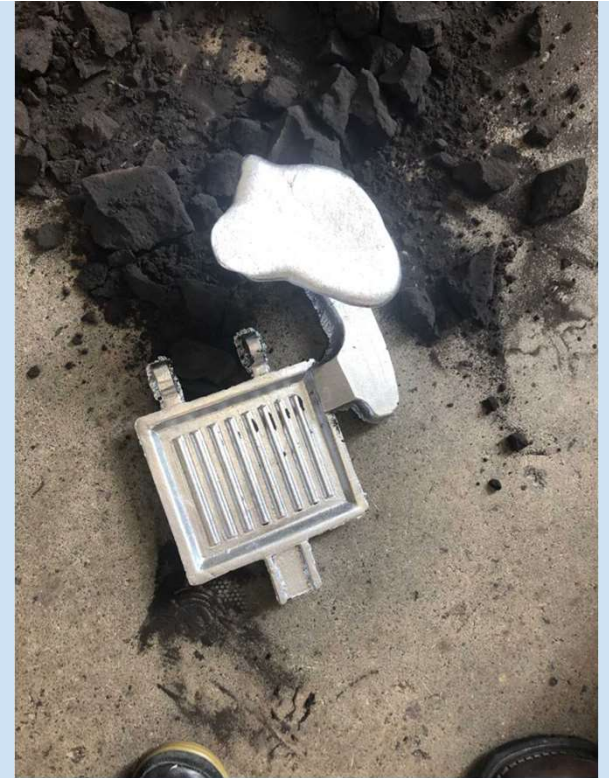
Functional Prototype

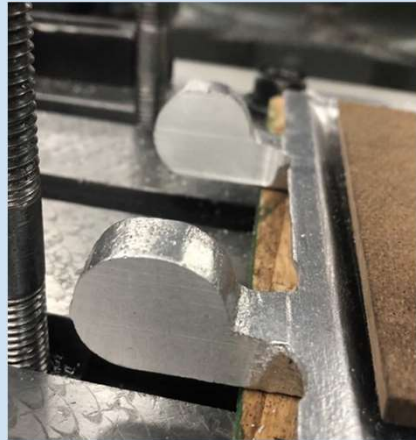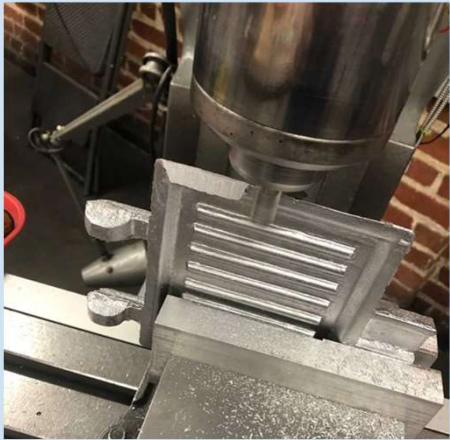# Cast Pattern CAD Models
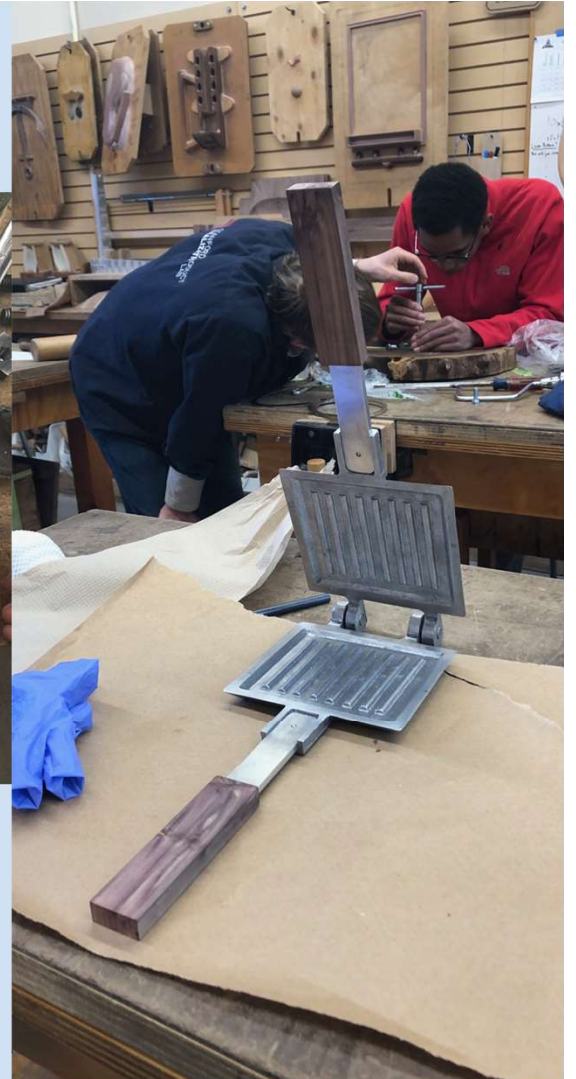
MFG Prototype

Casting

First Product Assembly

Final Product Assembly

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