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WOMEN IN AEROSPACE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY SENIOR; KICKS OFF ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Washington, DC - The Women in Aerospace (WIA) Foundation, Inc., is delighted to announce Ms. Whitney Q. Lohmeyer as the recipient of the inaugural WIA Foundation Scholarship. Ms. Lohmeyer, a senior in aerospace engineering at North Carolina State University, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied to the 2010-2011 academic year. The WIA Foundation also announces the initiation of a \$50,000 Endowment Campaign to further the goals and programs of the foundation.



Ms. Lohmeyer's application stood out from the large and talented pool of candidates by exhibiting her excellent academic achievement, well articulated career goals, leadership on and off campus, and diversity of activities from sports to president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) student chapter.

"As the only female aerospace engineer in her graduating class, Whitney reached out to other young women in the N.C. State aerospace engineering program to encourage them to continue their dreams of aerospace careers, especially when they have seen few female role models," noted Debra Fackto Lepore, WIA Foundation President. "Whitney's mentoring spirit embodies the WIA Foundation goals and what the scholarship aims to achieve."

The WIA Foundation Endowment Fund will support the success of the Foundation's programs. It will create a stable, long-term source of income to fund this annual scholarship and enable gradual expansion for additional scholarships and higher dollar values. In addition, the WIA Foundation offers Named Gifts for an individual, family, or corporation to recognize a special person, organization, or achievement through a scholarship or specific educational program.

"The WIA Foundation became a reality thanks to the tremendous efforts and contributions of the Women in Aerospace board and officers and their respective organizations," Lepore said. "The Endowment and Named Gifts program provide the perfect legacy for the next generation of women in aerospace."

The scholarship will be presented at the 25th Annual WIA Awards Banquet on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. This event draws over 300 people to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of women throughout the aerospace community.

About the WIA Foundation

The WIA Foundation's mission is to educate the public about the importance of space exploration and technology and to increase awareness in, and knowledge of, the scientific fields that will develop inventions and intelligence that will lead to improved space travel, satellite technology, and other applications of space use. Established in 2009, the Foundation accomplishes its purpose by providing scholarships to women to enter careers in the aerospace field, expanding women's opportunities for leadership in aerospace, and increasing women's visibility in the aerospace community. The Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. All contributions to the organization are deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information and specifics about the 2011-2012 scholarship, contact info@womeninaerospacefoundation.org.

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