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WOMEN IN AEROSPACE HONORS SIX EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN WITH ITS 2014 AWARDS

Sept. 2, 2014-Washington, D.C.-Women in Aerospace is proud to recognize six outstanding women for their contributions to the aerospace industry and to the advancement of women in the field. These women will be honored at the 29th annual Women in Aerospace Awards with a reception and dinner to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, Va.

The Women in Aerospace awards celebrate women's professional excellence in aerospace, annually recognizing female leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the aerospace community. The 2014 recipients are as follows:

AEROSPACE AWARENESS AWARD: Dr. Lynn Cominsky, Sonoma St. University, Rohnert Park, California, for her excellent leadership and sustained dedication to aerospace education and for her tenacious advocacy for girls and young women in aerospace.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Allison Barto, Program Manager, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corporation, Boulder, Colorado, for her achievements and contributions to NASA's James Webb Space Telescope Program.

AEROSPACE EDUCATOR AWARD: Alexandra Kindrat, Teacher, Lester B. Pearson School Board, St. Thomas High School, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for her international and local leadership, innovation, and instructional practices, and her unwavering commitment to the advancement of women of all ages in the aerospace field.

INITIATIVE, INSPIRATION, IMPACT AWARD: Samantha Pappas, MQ-4C Air Vehicle Test Lead, Naval Air Systems Command 5.1, Patuxent River, Maryland, for being an impeccable leader, inspiring mentor, and exceptional engineer whose technical expertise and unwavering dedication were paramount to the advancement of Naval Aviation.

LEADERSHIP AWARD: Leanne Caret, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Boeing Defense, Space & Security, St. Louis, Missouri, for her outstanding leadership and tireless commitment to serving as a mentor to women, ensuring they have the skills and opportunities to advance.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Carolyn Huntoon, Consultant, Barrington, Rhode Island, for her sustained and exemplary leadership at NASA, the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Department of Energy, her exceptional scientific contributions towards understanding the effects of spaceflight on the human body, and her dedication and mentorship of astronauts and aerospace professionals..

WIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Emily Zimovan, a junior in aeronautical and astronautical engineering at Purdue University will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be applied to the 2014-2015 academic year. **Jessica Felde**, a junior in aerospace and mechanical engineering at West Virginia University will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be applied to the 2014-2015 academic year. **Lauren Trollinger**, a junior in aerospace engineering at the University of Maryland will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be applied to the 2014-2015 academic year.



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Women in Aerospace (WIA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and to increasing their visibility within the aerospace community. To learn more about WIA, visit: www.womeninaerospace.org

Individuals and organizations interested in participating in the awards dinner on Oct. 29, 2014, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Arlington, Va., should register online at www.womeninaerospace.org or by calling 202-547-0229 for more information.

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