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WOMEN IN AEROSPACE FOUNDATION SELECTS 2013-2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Washington, DC - The Women in Aerospace (WIA) Foundation, Inc., is delighted to announce Erin M. Kirchmeier and Samantha B. Rawlins as the recipients of WIA Foundation Scholarships. Each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be applied to the 2013-2014 academic year.



Erin Kirchmeier, Missouri University of Science and Technology (S&T)

Erin is studying Aerospace Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology (S&T). The Foundation was impressed by her work with the Missouri S&T satellite team, achievement awards in academics, sports and community service, research in microsattellites and demonstrations given to high school girls. It is clear she has worked to develop aerospace capabilities and encourage high school students to pursue engineering degrees.

Samantha is studying Mechanical Engineering at California State University, Los Angeles. Her outstanding achievements include award-winning work, successful internships and academic honors at California State University, Los Angeles. Also, her volunteer activities with children, promoting learning at the earliest age, demonstrate commitment to developing new professionals in aerospace.



Samantha Rawlins,
California State University,
Los Angeles

WIA received applications from an outstanding pool of candidates this year and would like to recognize an additional student, Abby Dicks, with an award of Honorable Mention. This nonmonetary award recognizes Abby's achievements at the University of Maryland where she is studying government and politics with a minor in astronomy. Her academic excellence and internships in this blend of government, politics and astronomy reflect her interest in multiple aspects of an aerospace career.

WIA Foundation President, Cindy Malawy stated, "It is clear these award recipients have a strong desire to make an impact on this world and understand that they can make a difference."

The WIA Foundation scholarships are funded by generous donations of individuals and corporations around the aerospace community. The WIA Foundation Board, WIA Board, and others in the aerospace community continue to contribute ongoing financial support. This investment is creating an Endowment fund to support the success of the Foundation's programs and ensure the scholarship program continues in perpetuity.

"WIA Foundation thanks its many supporters who make the scholarship program possible. We encourage support by all who believe in developing future leaders in aerospace," Cindy said on behalf of the WIA Foundation Board of Directors.

The scholarships and recognition will be presented at the 28th Annual WIA Awards Banquet on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 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. For more information and specifics about the 2013-2014 scholarship, contact info@womeninaerospacefoundation.org.

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Donate Today

The WIA Foundation invites you to join an extraordinary group of people and organizations dedicated to the advancement of women in the aerospace profession. Gifts of any amount will make a big difference in the lives of young women pursuing careers in aerospace and will positively impact the future of our industry.

Annual gifts to the WIA Foundation make our scholarship program happen. We currently have two giving options available, and invite you to participate in one or both options:

- The WIA Foundation Endowment Fund: The Endowment Fund supports the success of the Foundation's programs. By utilizing the interest earned from the Fund, the Foundation maintains a stable, long-term source of income. Your gift to the Endowment Fund allows the Foundation to provide an annual scholarship and enable gradual expansion for additional scholarships and higher dollar values. The Endowment ensures the program continues in perpetuity.
- Named Gifts: A special perpetual honor, gifts of \$30,000 or more may be named for an individual, family or corporation. This is an outstanding opportunity for recognition and tribute. A named gift will ensure recognition of a special person or organization and will also ensure a scholarship or specific educational program meets the mutual interests of the donor, the Foundation, and our community.

Please join us in encouraging young women to pursue careers in aerospace by studying engineering, math and science at the college level by making your gift to the WIA Foundation today.

To contribute to the WIA Foundation or for further information, please contact the WIA Foundation at info@womeninaerospacefoundation.org or 202-547-0229.

Make your check payable to: "WIA Foundation" and mail your donation to:
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