



Northrop Grumman Hosts Tenth Annual Engineering Competition and Awards Dinner for the High School Involvement Partnership Mentoring Program

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AZUSA, Calif., July 9, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Northrop Grumman Corporation's (NYSE: NOC) Azusa campus recently concluded its year-end activities for the company's High School Involvement Partnership (HIP) program with its tenth annual engineering competition and an awards dinner.

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The Northrop Grumman HIP program is designed to encourage students interested in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields and support their pursuit of technical degrees. This serves the long-term goal of developing enough scientists and engineers to meet future industry employment needs.

"The HIP program provides students a unique hands-on experience for applying engineering principles. With the guidance of Northrop Grumman mentors, the students are able to design, build and test their end product to ensure it meets the criteria of the competition," said Anne Ostroff, vice president of Northrop Grumman's Azusa Operations. "Success in the program will hopefully encourage the students to continue their educational pursuits in the technical fields."

The HIP competition challenge involved students from Azusa High School and Gladstone High School, assisted by Northrop Grumman employee mentors. Four teams totaling 15 students and 22 mentors competed in a two-part VEX Robotics Competition. The Minefield Competition was held on December 10, 2013 and the VEX Toss Up competition was held on May 20, 2014. This year's overall winner was team *Who's the MAN?* (as in Mark Ashley Natalie). Each team consisted of students from both schools.

"Gladstone High School is grateful for the opportunity for our students to participate in Northrop Grumman's HIP program," said Scott Magnusson, principal of Gladstone High School. "Our partnership with Northrop Grumman has opened many doors for students planning on majoring in science, math, or technology in college. The hands-on, real problem-solving activities of HIP have been excellent. We're so appreciative of the HIP mentors."

At the year-end celebration dinner sponsored by Northrop Grumman, the HIP students presented overviews of their projects and shared lessons learned during the program. Along with recognizing the HIP students, this year's recipients of the Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholars awards, Donovan Gonzales and Bryan Zhong, were honored.

Students who successfully complete the HIP program are eligible for a partial college/university scholarship for four consecutive years. Scholarship requirements include full-time enrollment in an accredited academic program in engineering, physics, computer science or mathematics and maintaining a minimum grade-point average of 3.0.

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