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Lockheed Martin Funds New Scholarships for Cal Poly Freshmen

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Lockheed Martin, a longtime industry partner with Cal Poly, has announced it will give the university four \$2,500 scholarships for new aerospace engineering freshmen selected on the basis of academic excellence.

The announcement was made at an all-day Lockheed Martin campus recruiting event by Mark Crowley, vice president for the company's Military Space Programs. "We hire many Cal Poly grads from all different majors; in fact, Cal Poly now ranks as our number two supplier of new employees worldwide," he said.

Lockheed Martin has helped establish a productive distance learning program—the Space Systems Masters program—with the College of Engineering and has provided support for numerous departments and programs, such as the Multicultural Engineering Program.

"Now we would like to start cultivating relationships with outstanding students from their freshman year onward, because we're very aware that we're in competition for Cal Poly's best with Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon and other companies," Crowley said.

Because the competition for top students is great, the Lockheed Martin scholarships give Cal Poly a new incentive to offer to the very best and brightest, added Aerospace Engineering Chair Jordi Puig-Suari. "We're delighted, as always, to partner with Lockheed Martin in a shared commitment to excellence."

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