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## NASA Selects Outstanding Cal Poly Aerospace Engineering Senior as Student Ambassador

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Samantha Rawlins, a Cal Poly aerospace engineering senior, is among an elite group of interns inducted into NASA's Student Ambassadors Virtual Community (NSAVC).

Rawlins is the first Cal Poly student to receive the honor, joining 104 other top-performing interns selected to serve as 2014 Cohort VI student ambassadors, representing the sixth year of the program.

"As a young female engineering student, I feel it's crucial for other young students — particularly young girls — to see role models in science, technology, engineering and math fields," Rawlins said. "I want to show them that these areas are no longer defined by geeky personalities and pocket protectors and are instead filled with people who love solving problems and want to advance mankind through technology and science."

The new inductees were nominated by NASA managers and mentors based on the students' internship performance and involvement in other NASA-related activities.

Rawlins was a summer intern in 2013 at NASA Langley Research Center through the Langley Aerospace Research Student Scholars Program, one of NASA's most prestigious and successful student research programs. In 2012, she interned at the NASA Propulsion Academy in Huntsville, Ala., where she joined a team made up mostly of college graduates and master's-level students.

NSAVC is an online network designed to elevate the experiences, visibility and contributions of the interns, who are located across the U.S.

"I am delighted to welcome these bright students to the NASA education family as Cohort VI student ambassadors," said Roosevelt Johnson, NASA's deputy associate administrator for education. "They are in a unique position to inspire their fellow students and the public and to help NASA cultivate the next generation of scientists, engineers and explorers."

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