Lockheed Martin Corporation Executives Help Students Prepare For Competitive Job Market

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Lockheed Martin Corporation Sponsors Archer Center's Leadership Development Conference

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Jan. 28 /PRNewswire/ -- More than 200 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute students turned out to hear, first hand, what it will take to compete in today's rapidly changing global economy. "Leading Change in a Wide Open World" was the theme for the daylong Leadership Development Conference sponsored by the Lockheed Martin Corporation and hosted by Rensselaer's Archer Center for Student Leadership Development.

Lockheed Martin Corporation executives presented the leadership qualities necessary for personal and professional success. Students had the opportunity to select two of six concurrent training sessions. The sessions included skills-based interactive training sessions around this broader theme. Topics included ethics, diversity, effective teaming, negotiation skills and several leadership subjects including "Leading in a Virtual Environment," "Entrepreneurial Leadership" and "So You Want To Be The Boss?"

"We want to show students how leading corporations translate leadership theory into practice, and the skills and behaviors needed to be successful in life," said Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory President Michael Quinn. "This conference sets a foundation for that life-long journey."

In his conference closing remarks, Quinn told the students that "the leadership qualities you develop today will be important to your growth and will directly impact your future, whether in your work or in your community or personal relationships."

Increasingly, students are placing higher value on the activities of corporations that offer returns to the communities in which they operate, Lockheed Martin is one of those community-oriented businesses.

The focus of the keynote address, given by Kimberly Parker Gavaletz, Vice President Corporate Internal Auditing, was on the practical applications of leader's behaviors. Citing recognized leaders such as Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King, Jr., President George Bush and Rensselaer President Shirley Jackson, Gavaletz portrayed the vision leaders have and some of the challenges they tackled in their quest.

Corporate ethics, diversity, effective teaming skills and the multi- dimensional aspects of leadership in today's corporate environment offer unique challenges to graduates entering the workforce. Fostering leadership within the corporation, and partnering with the communities in which we operate represent critical success factors for Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global enterprise principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture and integration of advanced-technology systems, products and services. The Corporation's core businesses are system integration, space aeronautics and technology services.

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