Lockheed Martin Partners With Bay Area Teachers To Inspire Future Generations Of Scientists And Engineers

Company Hosts 20 Teachers Over Summer To Enrich Math and Science Education

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Lockheed Martin is hosting 20 elementary school, middle school, and high school teachers over the summer as part of the company's on-going partnership with the Bay Area-based Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education (IISME). The IISME organization works to foster a strong, highly skilled workforce in mathematics, science and technology.

A key IISME initiative is its Summer Fellowship Program that places qualified teachers into local companies and research labs for an eight-week learning experience. During this period, each teacher, paired with an industry mentor, augments their science and math skills by solving real-world problems. Upon returning to the classroom, application of the industry experience helps teachers stimulate student interest in math and science and, in turn, helps students to become lifelong learners.

This summer, Lockheed Martin IISME Fellows will focus on technical challenges associated with space-based programs under development at the company's Sunnyvale and Palo Alto facilities including satellite telecommunications, as well as missiles, defense systems and other advanced technologies.

"Lockheed Martin is dedicated to building enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and math education," said Kevin Bilger, Lockheed Martin vice president and member of the IISME Senior Advisory Council. Lockheed Martin has sponsored a total of 272 Teacher Fellows over the past 24 years.

"Through our IISME partnership, we are helping teachers better prepare students to be productive and competitive in an increasingly technical world," added Bilger. "By planting seeds of encouragement at the earliest levels, we can motivate and inspire young students to become future scientists and engineers."

IISME was founded in 1985 by a consortium of San Francisco Bay Area companies including Lockheed Martin, in partnership with the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California at Berkeley and seeks to transform teaching and learning through industry-education partnerships.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Corporation reported 2007 sales of \$41.9 billion.

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