Lockheed Martin Announces Black Engineer Of The Year Award Winners

Lockheed Martin engineers and scientists received 30 prestigious awards at the 23rd annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA) held in Baltimore, Md., on February 21. Lockheed Martin is a sponsor of the awards and Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Stevens delivered the keynote address at the event.

"Engineers are the heart of our company," Stevens said. "Our success flows from their talents, their energy and their ability to innovate. We take great pride in the accomplishments of our engineers--and all of our employees--but we're especially pleased when their work is recognized by such a highly regarded organization as BEYA. On behalf of all 146,000 Lockheed Martin employees, I extend congratulations to the winners and our thanks to BEYA."

Among the winners was Nikki Boone, Senior Electronics Engineer at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Fort Worth, Tex., who received the Black Engineer of the Year Community Service Award. Boone's community outreach efforts have included educational initiatives and programs in the Fort Worth public schools and hands-on building projects in New Orleans' Gentilly and Upper Ninth Ward areas.

Twenty-nine Lockheed Martin employees also were named 2009 Modern-Day Technology Leaders, who are considered rising stars in shaping the future of engineering, science, and technology. These awardees include:

-- Ayonike Akingbade, Software Engineer, Leadership Development Program, Transportation & Security Solutions, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Adolphus Andrews, Jr., F-22 Raptor Combined Test Force Test Operations Manager, Aeronautics
-- Melinda Au, Engineer, Leadership Development Program, Maritime Systems and Sensors, Electronic Systems
-- Tamara Baptiste, Project Manager/Systems Engineer Lead, Transportation & Security Solutions, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Christopher Barr, Engineer, Leadership Development Program, Maritime Systems and Sensors, Electronic Systems
-- Elza (Jamel) Bearyman, Embedded Software Engineer, Senior, Maritime Systems and Sensors, Electronic Systems
-- Ernestine Bryant, Project Engineering Senior Manager, Enterprise Solutions & Services, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Jermaine LeVar Coburn, Systems Engineer, Staff, Missiles & Fire Control, Electronic Systems
-- Shana Craft, Project Engineer, Staff, Enterprise Operations
-- Setrige Crawford, Operational Excellence Group, Senior Manager, Space Systems Company
-- Camille Dunn, Systems Engineer, Senior Staff, Enterprise Integration Group, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Gerald Gaskins, Program Management, Director, Enterprise Solutions & Services, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Traviss Green, Systems Engineer, Staff, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Hugh Hardy, F-22 Systems Engineer, Deputy Director, Aeronautics
-- Tiwanna Hayes, Compliance and Governance Integrated Product Team Lead, Aeronautics
-- Jennifer Hayward, Systems Engineer, Senior, Enterprise Solutions & Services, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Vincent T. Hill, Aeronautical Engineer, Senior Staff, Aeronautics
-- Rashadd Hines, Information Assurance Engineer, Staff, Global Security Solutions, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Tochi L. Iheagwara, Technical Assistant to Vice President/Senior Project, Systems Integration-Owego, Electronic Systems
-- Uldrick Jean, Project Engineer, Staff, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Ebony Jones, Embedded Software Engineer, Maritime Systems and Sensors, Electronic Systems
-- Everett (Donnell) Jordan, Systems Engineer, Senior, Maritime Systems and Sensors, Electronic Systems
-- Jason Lennon, Computer Systems Analyst, Senior, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Paul Neves, Software Engineer, Senior Staff, Mission & Combat Support Solutions, Information Systems & Global Services

-- Abdul Nuhu, Systems Engineer, Senior, Missiles & Fire Control, Electronic Systems
-- Keenan Quarles, Design Engineer, Senior, Space Systems Company
-- Melissa Simmons, Software Engineer, Staff, Global Security Solutions, Information Systems & Global Services
-- Karla Spencer-George, Software Engineer, Senior, Maritime Systems and Sensors, Electronic Systems
-- Jesse Witherspoon, Information Assurance Engineer, Manager, Information Systems & Global Services

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 146,000 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 2008 sales of $42.7 billion.

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