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

Company Hosts 20 Teachers Over Summer In Ongoing Effort To Enhance Math and Science Education

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Lockheed Martin today announced that it is hosting 20 middle school and high school teachers over the summer as part of the company's long-standing support of 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.

IISME's primary initiative, the Summer Fellowship Program, places qualified teachers into local companies and research labs for an eight-week learning experience. During this period, each teacher, paired with industry mentors, 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 a broad range of technical challenges associated with space-based programs under development at the company's Sunnyvale and Palo Alto facilities including satellite and missile design and advanced technologies. Lockheed Martin has sponsored a total of 314 teachers over the past 26 years.

"Increasing student enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and math education is a priority for Lockheed Martin," said Kevin Bilger, Lockheed Martin vice president and general manager, and member of the IISME Senior Advisory Council. "Our IISME teacher partnership continues to be a rewarding experience, allowing us to share aerospace applications with our teachers. This strengthens problem-solving skills that, when shared with students, will help them develop as our next-generation of 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 is a global security company that employs about 136,000 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 2009 sales of \$45.2 billion.

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