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Dear AIAA Member,

Congratulations to our newly elected AIAA leaders! I join our AIAA President Laura McGill in expressing our immense gratitude to each of the candidates for their willingness to lead important activities that benefit our profession. These newly elected leaders will play key roles in serving the AIAA members and driving the implementation of our strategy. Congratulations!

2024 Election Results for Council of Directors

Speaker

Dan Jensen, Rolls-Royce

2024 Election Results for Integration and Outreach Activities Division

Director-Elect Young Professional Group

Taylor Fazzini, Northrop Grumman Aeronautics Systems

2024 Election Results for Regional Engagement Activities Division

Director–Region III

Peggy Cornell, NASA Glenn Research Center

Director–Region VI

Oleg Yakimenko, Naval Postgraduate School

2024 Election Results for Technical Activities Division

Director–Aerospace Design and Structures Group

Dawn Phillips, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

Director–Aerospace Sciences Group

Martiqua Post, U.S. Air Force Academy

Talking Aeronautics with the Dutch Aerospace Innovation Mission

On behalf of AIAA, I recently enjoyed a wonderful evening with the Dutch Aerospace Innovation Mission held at the Dutch Ambassador's Residence in Washington, DC. We had an exhilarating discussion on the future of aeronautics. It was great to be joined by AIAA Board Member Ben Marchionna and AIAA Task Force Member Virginia Stouffer. We welcome the cooperation with the Dutch industry including Aeronamic, Airbus Netherlands, Clean Tech Aviation, Delft University of Technology, Egmond Plastic, FITS Technology, Fokker GKN Aerospace, KLM Engineering and Maintenance, Panta Holdings/Elysian Aircraft, photonFirst, Royal Netherlands Aerospace Center – NLR, Toray Advanced Composites, and Unified International. Many thanks to Ambassador Tazelaar, Jessie Verkerk, Alexandra Dousi de Vogel and the entire Dutch Embassy team.



The Outlook on Next Steps in the LEO-to-Lunar Voyage from ASCENDxTexas

One of the hallmarks of the ASCEND events is a laser focus on outcomes. This year's ASCENDxTexas event in Houston in February continued the momentum. More than 200 people engaged in small group interactive discussions on the barriers and pathways to success for our nation's exploration efforts. The outcome was a set of prioritized areas of emphasis with solutions to be pursued during the

coming year that benefit the national exploration goals of the next 5 to 20 years.

Everyone can download and review this free resource that captures the essence of our collaborative efforts. Find it on the [ASCEND website](#).

Make your plans now to keep this kind of outcome-driven discussion going during the ASCEND apex event later this year.

Remarkable Teachers Named as Trailblazing STEM Educator Award Winners

We continue to be impressed with the quality of educators nominated for the Trailblazing STEM Educator Award we presented with Challenger Center. Now in its third year, we just [announced the newest winners](#) of the Trailblazing STEM Educator Award:

- **Jenn Donais**, STEM Coach at Amesbury Middle School, Amesbury, Massachusetts
- **Sarah Leonard**, Career and Technical Education Department Lead at Redding Middle School, Middletown, Delaware
- **Darryl Newhouse**, Engineering, Design, Mathematics, and Robotics Teacher at Foshay Learning Center, Los Angeles, California

Congratulations to these three educators! Please [read more](#) about Jenn, Sarah, and Darryl and the award on the AIAA website. You can meet these trailblazers during the 2024 AIAA Awards Gala when we will present them with their awards.



Impressive Students Receive 2024 AIAA Roger W. Kahn Scholarship

We are thrilled to award the Kahn Scholarship again this year to continue building the next generation of the aerospace profession. This unique award honors Roger W. Kahn's legacy of aviation enthusiasm and accomplishment which began nearly 100 years ago and will remain relevant in the next 100 years of aviation and aerospace innovation.

- **Alexis Andrulonis** from Maple Glen, Pennsylvania, Currently attending Upper Dublin High School
- **Daisy Li** from Jupiter, Florida, Currently attending Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
- **Khue Phan** from Houston, Texas, Currently attending Kerr High School
- **Leslie Nava** from Fort Worth, Texas, Currently attending I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and VPA

March Honors Women's History Month

We were pleased to recognize Women's History Month by featuring AIAA Associate Fellow Sonya T. Smith, professor, Mechanical Engineering, Howard University, [on our social media channels](#). As part of her involvement with AIAA, Sonya currently chairs the Honors and Awards subcommittee of the Diversity Working Group. Sonya delivered the 2024 Mary Jackson Named Lecture online in March, where she spoke about thermal management strategies for aerospace and ground vehicle applications. You can watch the [replay here](#). Many thanks to the Diversity Working Group that helps ensure we encourage participation and collaboration across all genders, ethnicities, and races, and enhance diverse representation in the entire industry.

Welcome New AIAA Corporate Members

We are grateful to the following companies for joining AIAA as Corporate Members recently. These industry leaders will benefit from expanding their industry presence, improving workforce development, getting involved with aerospace advocacy, and participating in purposeful collaboration:

- [AeroVironment](#)
- [JetZero](#)
- [Zeiss Industrial Quality Solutions](#)

Looking Forward to Las Vegas

The anticipation is building for Las Vegas where we'll host two of our signature events in one venue – [2024 AIAA AVIATION Forum](#) and [2024 ASCEND](#). The event week has some unique features we've designed with attendees in mind: you

will receive one all-access ticket to attend the sessions of your choice; both events will deliver the full technical program that you count on from AIAA, and you will experience full admission to networking events and receptions that are specially designed for everyone. The centrally located Expo Hall will serve as a bridge between both events' communities in the air and space domains.

Registration has just opened, announcing the [technical programs and many of the high-level sessions](#). Stay tuned as speakers as sessions are added.



On the Horizon

- [2024 AIAA DEFENSE Forum](#), 16–18 April, Laurel, Maryland
- [28th Annual AIAA Design/Build/Fly \(DBF\) Competition](#), 11–13 April, Wichita, Kansas
- [2024 AIAA Awards Gala](#), 15 May, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC
- [2024 AIAA AVIATION Forum](#), 29 July–2 August, Las Vegas, Nevada
- [2024 ASCEND](#), 30 July–1 August, Las Vegas, Nevada

All the Best,

Dan



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