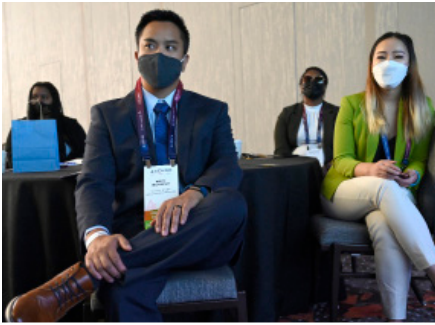


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Diversity Scholars Return to In-Person Events

From 14 to 17 November, AIAA Diversity Scholars traveled to Las Vegas, NV, to take part in ASCEND, the annual collaborative, interdisciplinary, outcomes-driven event for professionals, students, and enthusiasts around the world who are accelerating humanity's progress toward our off-world future. We were excited to host this in-person event for our scholars, the first since 2020 AIAA SciTech Forum.



The AIAA Diversity Scholars program provides students from historically underrepresented groups in the aerospace industry with the opportunity to attend an AIAA forum and gain networking and professional development opportunities at no cost to them. The ASCEND Diversity Scholars represented 14 universities from around the United States, and a variety of racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual orientation backgrounds.

Students shared their thoughts on receiving the ASCEND Diversity Scholarship and how they planned to make the most of this experience. "This scholarship will allow me to get my foot in the door within the aerospace industry, explore different avenues, and network with different people along with companies," said Seemi Zameer, a Mechanical Engineering student at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. "It's an honor to receive this

scholarship, and I plan on to learn and grow as much as I can from this experience."

AIAA Diversity Scholars receive round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, and a guided schedule to help them navigate forum activities and create their own individual experiences. AIAA is pleased to welcome the 2022 AIAA SciTech Diversity Scholars onsite at the AIAA SciTech Forum taking place 3-7 January 2022 in San Diego, CA.

Application dates for the 2022 AIAA Diversity Scholarship Programs at AIAA AVIATION Forum and ASCEND can be found online at AIAA.org. For more information about the Diversity Scholarship Program, contact Michael Lagana at michaell@aiaa.org.

Thank you to The Boeing Company for sponsoring the AIAA Diversity Scholars Program.