



MAE students awarded industry scholarships

Two freshmen in the MAE department are starting their college careers with support from **the Boeing Company**. Samuel Pedrotty and Clay Pottorff have received the largest scholarships ever awarded by the College of Engineering. Their Boeing FIRST™ (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) scholarships provide \$5,000 per year for up to a total of \$20,000 over four years.

Pedrotty graduated from Albuquerque High School and is majoring in aerospace engineering, while Pottorff, a graduate of Deming High School, is studying mechanical engineering. Both students participated in the FIRST Robotics Competition through which teams of young people and their mentors solve a common problem in a six-week timeframe using a standard “kit of parts” and a common set of rules.

Jonathan Height, a senior in mechanical engineering, along with chemical engineering junior Yessenia Sanchez, has been awarded a \$3,000 scholarship by the **Gas Processors Association, Permian Basin Chapter**. A graduate of New Mexico Military Institute, he anticipates graduating in May 2010 with a BSME and a double minor in aerospace engineering and mathematics. He is a member of the ASME student chapter and the honor societies Tau Beta Pi (engineering) and Pi Tau Sigma (mechanical engineering).

The Gas Processors group has been awarding these scholarships since 2002 to students from the Permian Basin of Texas or New Mexico who are pursuing a degree in mechanical or chemical engineering.

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