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***Space Coast Women In Defense Announces the
2017 STEM Scholarship Award Recipients***

June 2017 (Melbourne, FL) – Space Coast Women In Defense (SCWID) and the Space Coast STEM Council are delighted to announce the names of the 2017 STEM Scholarship Award recipients. “The scholarships are presented to women who demonstrate merit and may not have the financial means to fully cover the costs of their educational goals so every little bit helps. We reviewed 28 outstanding scholarship applications and we are thrilled to announce the winners!”, says Dr. Erica Harris, SCWID Director, Awards & Recognition. All recipients are current or prospective students in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

Taylor Rains	Florida Institute of Technology	Aviation Management
Julianna Chaput	University of Florida	Mechanical Engineering
Minh-Chau Nguyen Le	University of Central Florida	Mechanical Engineering
Madison Bausinger	Florida Institute of Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Leah Walker	University of Central Florida	Computer Science
Marlene Hinkle	Yale University	Biomedical Engineering
Tracy Reeves	University of Florida	Aviation Management
Montana Steell	Florida Institute of Technology	Marine Science
Tram-Anh Tran	University of Florida	Neuroscience
Madison Roth	University of South Florida	Civil Engineering
Malaak Araujo	Florida Institute of Technology	Civil Engineering
Danika Plotkin	University of Central Florida	Biomedical Science (Pre-Med)
Morgan Benson	Johns Hopkins	Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.
Hannah Sluder	University of Central Florida	Psychology
Jennifer Pfrimmer	University of Central Florida	Accounting

The winners were announced at SCWID’s monthly networking meeting and awards ceremony on June 28th, at Duran Golf Club. The award presenter was Dr. Erica Harris. Our guest speaker was Sheriff Wayne Ivey. During his talk, Sheriff Ivey highlighted the value of service and leadership at all levels in our own community. The Space Coast STEM Council was honored to have McNair Middle School, Palm

Bay High School, Stone Middle School STEAM Programs, and the Pink Pelicans Robotics team support our golf tournament this year, which is our largest scholarship fundraiser to date! Thus, we made a donation of \$250.00 to each of the programs to help support their STEM efforts. Ms. Cari Kupec, Project Director of Brevard County Magnet Schools, accepted the awards on their behalf. Ms. Kupec also received a \$500.00 donation to sponsor three teachers to attend the SwervEducation STEAM Conference in August at Palm Bay High School. Brevard County Elementary School received a \$1,000.00 donation to attend the 2017-2018 Space Week. Ms. Linda Filippini, Programs and Development Assistant for the Brevard Schools Foundation, accepted the award on their behalf. SCWID is proud to have awarded 25 scholarships totaling, approximately \$17,250 dollars since 2014. Stay tuned for next year's application package and deadlines!

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