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## **Wired Project 3.8 Innovation Tour Report**

### **Cal Poly San Luis Obispo/Lockheed Martin, Sunnyvale**

The California Space Education & Workforce Institute arranged for 5 students from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo to visit Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale on Friday October 24, 2008. The students received a warm welcome, luncheon presentation, and a mock up tour from the young professionals and staff that currently work there.

The students, accompanied by the Director of the Math Engineering Science Achievement Program (MESA) at Cal Poly SLO, were attentive with lots of questions for the Lockheed Martin employees about the aerospace industry. Most of the students in attendance were at the Junior level in college, and the majority had never visited an aerospace company before. While all of the students were seeking a career in Aerospace prior to the tour, all felt that the tour sparked their interest even more. When asked what they gained from the tour the following were some of their responses:

“Before this tour I had little to no prior experience with missiles and defense systems”

“Lots of information about jobs & opportunities”

“Talking with people that actually work in the fields I am considering to get an idea of what they do”



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