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NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Speakers Bureau Give Presentation to Hawthorne High School Engineering Students

Hawthorne – Approximately 50 Hawthorne High School students were treated to a special presentation and Q&A session when representatives from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Speakers Bureau visited the school's Engineering Quad auditorium on Monday, October 5, 2015.

The JPL Speakers Bureau Program, provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), seeks to educate the public by sending speakers out to various events and engagements to provide a blend of historical perspectives, present activities and future visions related to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Deirdre (Dee) Terry, Network Operations Control Team Manager and a colleague, focused the presentation on robotics, engineering, spacecraft communication, and present Mars efforts. Ms. Terry also showed a short video on the NASA Curiosity Mars Rover Mission.

The event was the result of the Career Pathways Program, which is funded by the Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Work-Based Learning grant. The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) is the organization tasked to provide work-based learning activities and provide support to local engineering and advanced manufacturing academies to expose them to careers in the industry thereby bridging the gap between schools and companies.

Jan Vogel, SBWIB Chief Executive Officer said, "Given the robotics and engineering programs at Hawthorne High School, it seemed like a perfect fit to reach out to JPL." He added, "It is our hope to continue to bring industry speakers from our Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering sector partnership to various schools within the South Bay Area."



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