NEW YORK – SEPTMEBER 16, 2014 – Penton’s Aviation Week today announced the winners of its awards program, “Tomorrow’s Engineering Leaders: The Twenty20s.” The awards, produced in partnership with Raytheon, recognize top engineering, math, science and technology students. The program connects the next generation of aerospace and defense talent with established leaders who have created many of the “firsts” driving innovation in the 21st century.

“We have found that today’s university students are undertaking research and innovation that solves some of the toughest questions engineers face today – from energy-related to mapping the brain,” Greg Hamilton, Aviation Week president, said. “The individuals chosen for the Twenty20s program are engaged in this type of exploration, are proving themselves in the classroom, and are reaching out to the world beyond the campus to make a difference.”

"These students are excelling in their engineering studies and are making substantial contributions to their communities," said Pamela Erickson, Raytheon's vice president of Corporate Affairs. "Raytheon is committed to supporting that work, and we will continue to promote education in science, technology, engineering and math as students set out to strengthen the role of the United States as a leader in global innovation."

The winners will be honored during Aviation Week’s annual A&D Programs Conference November 19-20 at the Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, Arizona. The 2014 Twenty20s winners are:

- Raichelle Aniceto: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- David Boots: Royal Military College of Canada
- Ronak Dave: Purdue University
- Sarah Easterbrook: Arizona State University
- Nathan Kidder: The Ohio State University
- Stephanie Klimczak: University of Southern California
- Dustin Martin: Johns Hopkins University
- Ryan Martineau: Utah State University/Space Dynamics Laboratory
- Christopher Nie: University of Colorado, Boulder
- Tobias Niederwieser: University of Colorado Boulder
- Nicholas Picon: Georgia Institute of Technology
- Christopher Reynolds: University of Michigan
- Lynsey Schroeder: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Akash Shah: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Elena Shrestha: University of Maryland
- Lauren Smith: Case Western Reserve University
- Michael Stern: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Sarah Weems Troupe: Iowa State University
- Patrick Wessels: University of Colorado, Boulder
- Nelson Yanes: University of Maryland

For more information or to attend the Program Excellence/Twenty20s Awards banquet, visit http://events.aviationweek.com/current/ad/index.htm

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