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Pratt & Whitney Gift to Expand PBCC Math & Science Institute

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 8, 2008 – Pratt & Whitney, a United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX) company, has contributed \$18,200 to Palm Beach Community College's Math & Science Summer Institute. The funds will go toward opening a Physics/Math track next year with a curriculum focused on aerospace technology.

"Pratt & Whitney is pleased to fund the start of specialized education in aerospace technology at Palm Beach Community College," said Graham Webb, general manager, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne Florida and Mississippi operations. "We congratulate Palm Beach Community College for offering a curriculum that will help prepare students who excel in math and science for a future in engineering."

Launched this year at the college's Palm Beach Gardens campus, the Summer Institute attracts advanced high school and college students with a blend of rigorous college classes, research projects and career exploration, according to PBCC President Dennis Gallon.

"Pratt & Whitney's generous support will help us to expand those opportunities for future institute students," Gallon said. "This partnership will provide long-term benefits for the students as well as the growing sector of the region's business community that is centered on scientific research and industry."

Pratt & Whitney donates more than \$4.5 million to nonprofit and educational institutions each year. Its philanthropic giving promotes environmental initiatives that protect our natural resources, encourages the development of the next generation of engineers and researchers through math and science education, and supports programs that enhance the cultural life of our communities through the arts.

Palm Beach Community, Florida's first public community college, is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2008. The largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, PBCC serves more than 45,000 students annually through its associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. The College offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc., a part of Pratt & Whitney, is a preferred provider of high-value propulsion, power, energy and innovative system solutions used in a wide

variety of government and commercial applications, including the main engines for the space shuttle, Atlas and Delta launch vehicles, missile defense systems and advanced hypersonic engines.

Pratt & Whitney is a world leader in the design, manufacture and service of aircraft engines, space propulsion systems and industrial gas turbines. United Technologies, based in Hartford, Conn., is a diversified company providing high technology products and services to the global aerospace and building industries.

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Representatives from Pratt & Whitney's West Palm Beach operations introduced the field of aerospace technology to students at Palm Beach Community College Math & Science Summer Institute and presented an \$18,200 contribution to support a new physics/math track. From left are PBCC students Nicole Casuso and Jeff Bartness, PBCC President Dr. Dennis Gallon, Pratt & Whitney Chief Engineer Kevin Barcza and PBCC student Vanessa White with a rendering of the Ares I and Ares V vehicles currently in design and development for the next generation of space travel.

Editor's Note: Please contact PBCC for high-resolution photo.

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