Tech is proud to share in the excitement of our student’s graduation. It took hard work to accomplish this goal and there is no limit to what they can achieve going forward. The SS&TP community has been highly supportive of our school and students.

Kara Cortazzo, Executive Director, Technology Leadership High School

COMPANY AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

TECH Celebrates Individual Graduations for Class of 2020
To ensure students’ safety during the COVID-19 pandemic situation, Technology Leadership High School cancelled their usual student commencement ceremony for 35 seniors. As an alternative, Tech has been scheduling individual graduation ceremonies to honor students for their hard work and commitment. Staff members are meeting students all over Albuquerque and Rio Rancho to make these individual events special for the students and their families. Tech opened in the Sandia Science & Technology Park (SS&TP) in August 2015 with 90 students, and today they have over 200. Tech is a public charter high school for project-based learning that focuses on the academic, social, and emotional growth of underserved youth.

SolAero Raises $11 Million
SolAero Technologies sold part of their facility in the SS&TP for $11 million in a sale-leaseback transaction. The transaction allows SolAero, which makes solar cells and panels for spacecraft, to remain in place under a long-term lease agreement with the new facility owner. It provides needed cash to sustain the company’s leading role in the rapidly-growing, low-earth-orbit satellite industry. The offering was very attractive to investors as the facility is in an extremely desirable area with competitive terms for the buyer, California-based Pontus Capital. SolAero has 346 employees in their Park facility.

ATA Wins Contract for ITATS
Applied Technology Associates (ATA) was awarded a contract for the Independent Target Acquisition and Tracking System (ITATS) as part of the U.S. Army Directed Energy-Maneuver Short Range Air Defense (DE-MSHORAD) prototyping initiative. The initiative includes integrating a directed energy weapon system on a Stryker vehicle as a path-finding effort toward the U.S. Army M-MSHORAD objective to provide more comprehensive protection of frontline combat units. The DE-MSHORAD mission is expected to expand in the coming year with additional unit builds.

AEGis Wins Contracts for LIDS and sLaMS
AEGis Technologies continues their partnership with the Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation through two contract awards: Laser Integrated Diagnostic Suite (LIDS) and Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) Laser Measurement System (sLaMS). LIDS, a mobile and transportable suite of diagnostic instrumentation, characterizes performance of High-Energy Laser weapon systems and supports open air static target testing at test ranges across the DoD. sLaMS will utilize AEGis’ field and flight-ready systems including UAS platforms, target boards, data acquisition, and telemetry payloads manufactured and assembled in their Instrumentation Lab in the SS&TP and Huntsville UAS facility.