

**Employees complete composite certificate program**

Thirty-five Boeing employees were honored during a recent graduation ceremony for successfully completing an Aeronautics and Astronautics certificate program from the University of Washington.

The courses, developed by the University of Washington College of Engineering's Aeronautics and Astronautics Department and The Boeing Company Learning, Training and Development engineering group, with input from Federal Aviation Administration experts, combine university-level

standards and practical information for use in a manufacturing environment.

Honorees were greeted by Dr. Barry Smith, executive director of the Future of Flight Aviation Center; Bill Rogers, director of the University of Washington Engineering Professional Programs; and Sophia Zervas-Berg, Boeing Commercial Airplanes focal for the University of Washington.

The ceremony took place Nov. 10 at an evening reception at the Everett Future of Flight Aviation Center. Employees received certificates for completing a trio of courses in aircraft composite structural analysis and design.

According to certificate program director and University of Washington professor Kuen Y. Lin, "These students show an exceptional level of dedication and commitment. A lot of students are already working 60 hours a week. They took on another 15 hours of class time on top of that."

The three courses total 100 hours with an estimated 300 additional hours of homework and studying for exams, said Lin.

Al Miller, 787 director of technology integration said, "This is a world-class composites program that doesn't exist anywhere else. This course is not for the faint-hearted. It's difficult and rewarding. And these skills are vital to the 787 and future programs."

To learn about upcoming certificate program courses, please visit <http://www.engr.washington.edu/epp/acsad/>.

**Photo Caption:** *Ingrid L. Abendroth is congratulated by Boeing and University of Washington certificate program leaders at a graduation ceremony at the Future of Flight Aviation Center Nov. 10.*

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