



For Immediate Release

January 22, 2008

California Space Education & Workforce Institute

Contact: Daphne Dador

626-440-0565

Daphne.Dador@csewi.org

Career Builder: Cutting-Edge “Mechatronics” Degree Launched by CSEWI Partner

Technicians with this Degree are in High Demand

Santa Maria, Calif. –This year students can still be pioneers of Allan Hancock College’s “Mechatronics” program that debuted last semester with great success. Mechatronics is a program that combines mechanical, electrical and software engineering – emphasizing links between machines and computers – and taught via interactive, hands-on, “nuts and bolts” activities.

“The Institute is pleased by Allan Hancock College’s innovative ‘Mechatronics’ degree,” said Dr. Jack Gregg, Executive Director of the California Space Education & Workforce Institute (CSEWI). “We know their work will help fuel California’s space technician workforce as we move into the next century,” he added. CSEWI, via a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor’s *Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED)* initiative, partnered and helped fund the development of Allan Hancock College’s “Mechatronics” program.

California Space Education & Workforce Institute
150 East Colorado Blvd., Suite 302, Pasadena, CA 91105
626/440-0564 (Office) • 626/440-0566 (Fax)

www.csewi.org

Students with a “Mechatronics” degree are expected to be in high demand in the coming years, according to a recent study on aerospace technician demand by LD Associates. Salaries are also promising. Technicians with this degree have an average salary start of \$45K and can go up to \$90K annually.

Currently, more than 1,000 aerospace technicians work in the Vandenberg AFB area, close to the college’s location, and the program organizers note that there are plenty of opportunities in the region as well as nationwide.

Additionally, Mechatronic skills are employable in many different industries. For example, degree holders can work in medical facilities, industrial robotics, automotive technology, and other exciting technical fields.

Registration for the program is on-going for the Spring 2008 semester. To learn more about how to enroll into the “Mechatronics” program, please contact: Bob Alldredge at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3244 or via e-mail at boball@hancockcollege.edu.

###

California Space Education & Workforce Institute
150 East Colorado Blvd., Suite 302, Pasadena, CA 91105
626/440-0564 (Office) • 626/440-0566 (Fax)

www.csewi.org