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## **Solar Turbines Hosts Training Academy for Engineering Students**

10 students from the San Diego State University (SDSU) **Mathematics** Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program attended the 8th Annual Solar Turbines Training Academy on October The Training Academy is 11, 2019. organized by Solar Turbines' Caterpillar Latino Connection (CLC) at their San Diego Harbor Drive facility.

The SDSU MESA students were joined by 10 students from the University California, San Diego, and the Rochester New York

Technological Education Center for Deaf Participants of the 8th Annual Solar Turbines CLC Training Academy. and Hard-of-Hearing Students.



The selected students had the opportunity to tour the facility, hear from a recent graduate panel, participate in mock interviews, work on an assigned case study project, and present out to a managerial panel.

"The case study project is an example of a real-world problem that Solar Turbines' engineers could encounter. We provide technical presentations and tours to educate students on our problemsolving process and collaborative efforts used here at Solar Turbines. Training Academy is a great opportunity for students to gain invaluable insight on engineering application in industry," said Solar Turbines CLC Training Academy Coordinators, Franklin Panora and Natalie Torres.

**MESA** is one of the largest programs in the state to support educationally disadvantaged students so they can graduate from college with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) degrees. MESA provides academic support and enrichment to more than 18,000 K-12 students and more than 7,800 community college and 4-year college students each year. For more information, visit mep.sdsu.edu.

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