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Wired Project 3.8 Innovation Tour Report
University of California, Irvine/Northrop Grumman Space Technology

On May 23, 2008 CSEWI set up innovation tours at an aerospace company for students from University of California, Irvine to encourage them to seek a career in the Aerospace Industry.

5 students from UC Irvine visited Northrop Grumman Space Technology and received a tour from the University Relations & Recruiting Manager there. The tour was held from 11:00am-12:30pm on a very rainy day. In spite of the weather the students, accompanied by the Director of the Center for Opportunities and Diversity in Engineering (CODE) at UCI, were there on time and excited to see what Northrop Grumman had to offer.

The group consisted of a couple sophomores, one senior and a couple of juniors. For one of the students this was a 1st time visit to an aerospace company. All five of them agreed that the tour sparked their interest even further in the aerospace industry. When asked what they gained from the tour the following were a couple of the responses:

“Acquired knowledge of past/present/future outer space technology & its objectives”

“It gave me a perspective on the diverse opportunities offered at this company”

“Showed different applications for my chosen degree/career path”