

# AIAA Members Win 2018 Jacobs Space Exploration Group Awards

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Two Greater Huntsville Section members were recently recognized with prestigious awards from the Jacobs Space Exploration Group (JSEG) contract group at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). Jill Brown received the 2018 JSEG Apogee Award and Theresa Jehle was named the 2018 Volunteer of the Year. Both members received their awards during a ceremony on March 25, 2019.



*Jill Brown (center) receives the Apogee Award from Jacobs Space Exploration Group Deputy Program Manager Jeff Haars (left) and Program Manager Randy Lycans (right).*

AIAA Senior Member Jill Brown received the Apogee Award, the JSEG's highest technical honor. The award is given in recognition of outstanding specific accomplishments which significantly exceed normal performance standards and exhibit exemplary ethical and professional practices consistent with the JSEG philosophy. Additional criteria considered in the selection are efforts to support professional societies, and service to the community. Jill's nomination cited her as "the *linchpin* of MSFC's efforts to integrate the [RL10] engine into the Space Launch System upper stage."

Her engineering expertise and facilitating skills were crucial to addressing interface challenges on the Space Launch System and to reaching consensus between NASA engineering elements and the booster and upper stage engine contractor. Jill's involvement in AIAA was also a key selection factor. Her nomination read, "*Jill approaches service to others in a very personal and passionate manner*" and cited instances of her AIAA activities.

Greater Huntsville Section Membership Director Theresa Jehle was named the JSEG Volunteer of the Year for 2018. The Volunteer of the Year award recognizes outstanding specific contributions by an individual or team to the community. Such contributions are made on personal time to serve others and to enhance the goodwill stature of JSEG.

Theresa was selected based on her extensive volunteer involvement within the Huntsville community. She is active within AIAA, the JSEG Futures young professionals group, the Jacobs Women's Network, the National Space Club and the Space & Missile Defense Command Family

Readiness Group. She also teaches 'English as a Second Language' courses and serves as a Space Launch System Ambassador to promote aerospace careers. Theresa has been an active member of the AIAA Greater Huntsville Section for over two years and is currently serving as the section's Membership Director. She previously served on the Young Professional/ NextGen Symposium Committee.

Congratulations Jill and Theresa. Thank you for your service to the Greater Huntsville Section and our community!



*Theresa Jehle (center) receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Jacobs Space Exploration Group Deputy Program Manager Jeff Haars (left) and Program Manager Randy Lycans (right).*