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NAVSEA commander receives CSULA's 2011 Engineer of the Year, Sponsorship award

LOS ANGELES – Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) received the 2011 Engineer of the Year, Title Sponsor award during California State University, Los Angeles' (CSULA) 2nd annual Greater Los Angeles Engineer of the Year gala, hosted by the Friends of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology (Friends of ECST), Aug. 4.

Friends of ECST supports educational programs of the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology at CSULA, and works alongside the college to help it supply the workforce with educated, well-rounded professionals.

"All the honorees deserve to be recognized for their work in generating the sparks that become the ideas and sustenance to the innovative process," said Keith Moo-Young, dean of CSULA's College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology. "Their body of work and lifetime of commitment to their respective fields makes them outstanding role models for our students."

McCoy was recognized for NAVSEA's on-going partnership with the educational institution that encourages students studying science-, technology-, engineering- and mathematics- (STEM) related fields.

"Two years ago, I was addressing a group of enthusiastic seniors in this same venue who were engaged in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. We had a great exchange of ideas that continue to inspire me and my work," said McCoy. "Maintaining a solid STEM-based workforce is one of my priorities. The future USS California (SSN 781), eighth boat of the Virginia-class submarines, will be delivered to the Navy any day now. Without the men and women earning science, technology, engineering, and mathematic degrees, these amazing machines could not be built, let alone go to sea with a crew of nearly 120 people and keep them alive, under water, for months at a time. This is why I have become so adamant and passionate about supporting STEM."

NAVSEA's commitment to education and outreach has built lasting and productive connections with educators, business leaders, government officials and affinity groups in STEM-related fields; and directly supports the chief of naval operations' priorities to attract a diverse, high-performing future force; lead STEM education outreach; grow top technical talent for tomorrow's Navy, and double the Navy's STEM investment within five years.

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