



David Hawthorne, Ken Philippart, Tammy Cottam, Kurt Polzin, Roger Herdy and Gary Agranat line up before the run.

AIAA Greater Huntsville Section Runs for STEM

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On a cold, blustery November morning, members of the Greater Huntsville Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics laced up their running shoes to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and help a

Section members participated in the inaugural 5K STEM Power Run/Walk on November 1 at Alabama A&M University. The run was sponsored by the North Alabama Professional Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) to raise money for NSBE's annual STEM robotics camp for middle and high school students.

Despite a chilly race start temperature of 35 degrees and a brisk wind, six Greater Huntsville members started and completed the 5K event. Tammy Cottam turned in the fastest time for the AIAA crew and received the section's *High Speed, Low Drag Award*. Other AIAA runners were Kurt Polzin, Ken Philippart, Roger Herdy, Megan Beattie, and David Hawthorne.

In conjunction with the run, NSBE conducted a Health Fair. North Alabama NSBE President LaToya Beale-Eggleston invited AIAA to set up a display at the fair. Gary Agranat and Lisa Philippart staffed the



Vice Chair Kurt Polzin leads the way to start the run.

section's display, answered questions and distributed AIAA literature and promotional items.

Despite the frigid weather, the section successfully supported STEM and the NSBE while promoting AIAA within the community and getting in some early morning exercise.

For more information about the Greater Huntsville section, visit www.hsv-aiaa.org or e-mail distribution@hsv-aiaa.org.



Members and guests of NSBE discuss AIAA with Gary Agranat and Kurt Polzin after the run.