

Section Supports Alabama's Regional Future City Competition

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AIAA Greater Huntsville Section supported Alabama's Regional Future City Competition on January 14th, 2017. The section sponsored a \$150 award for the team that displayed innovative aerospace technology in their city that improved the lives of their citizens. Twenty-three student teams gathered under the Saturn V rocket at the Davidson Center to display their Future Cities to a number of judges. I can personally say that everyone was

impressed with the amount of creativity, innovation, and thought that these young students brought to the competition. They truly stood tall even in comparison to the Saturn V.



Team Sithena from D. A. Smith Middle School in Ozark, AL took home the AIAA award with their blimp that provided surveillance for its citizens and notified local authority of any crime or danger. In addition, it assisted citizens with navigation around the city.

It's good to know that the future generation has already started to consider taking existing technology and improving it for everyday use. I can say with confidence that when I grow old and gray, these future scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians will have my back. Congratulations to Team Sithena, as well as the other twenty-two teams that participated in the Future City Competition. You have all displayed an amazing ability to innovate, and I only hope you continue to consider a STEM path in the future! In addition, thank you to Nishanth Goli, the AIAA GHS Professional Org Liaison, and Dustin Poisson, the AIAA GHS Pre-College Outreach Director, for volunteering on a Saturday.