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**THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROCKETRY
HONORED WITH BREWER TROPHY FOR AVIATION EDUCATION**

Washington, DC, September 16, 2014 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) announced that the recipient of this year’s Frank G. Brewer Trophy is the partnership of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the National Association of Rocketry (NAR). The Brewer Trophy is awarded annually to an “...individual, a group of individuals, or an organization for significant contributions of enduring value to aerospace education in the United States.”

AIA/NAR is being recognized for advancing aerospace-oriented science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education through their joint creation, sponsorship, and dedicated sustainment of the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC). TARC is a nation-wide rocketry-based STEM challenge program for 7th through 12th grade student teams. Since its establishment in 2003, TARC has involved over 60,000 students nationwide in its program.

Chaired by NAA President and CEO Jonathan Gaffney, the Selection Committee consisted of Frank G. Brewer III (whose family established the trophy in 1943) and previous recipients of the Brewer Trophy: John and Martha King, King Schools; Dave Mathewson, Academy of Model Aeronautics; Pat Prentiss, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.; and Jim Mallett, Civil Air Patrol.

The Award will be presented at the NAA Fall Awards Dinner on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia.

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America's aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

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