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AMA Congratulates Arconic Foundation on Dr. Mervin K. Strickler Jr. Award

MUNCIE, Ind. – The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) congratulates the Arconic Foundation on receiving this year’s Dr. Mervin K. Strickler Jr. Award for Aerospace Education Leadership from the National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education (NCASE).

The Arconic Foundation has been an instrumental partner to AMA in the development of programs that highlight the importance of aviation and STEM education. Over the past 13 years, AMA has been the grateful recipient of five grants from the Foundation in support of these efforts. These grants have contributed to the development of [AeroLab](#), a STEM math and science activities kit to demonstrate Newton’s Laws of Motion, AMA Flight Research Kits, which provide the materials for Arconic volunteers, teachers and community leaders to present to classrooms on the important of aviation. The grants also support UAS4STEM, a competitive program for middle and high school students to build their own drones and learn about aviation.

“The entire AMA community congratulates the Arconic Foundation on this prestigious award.” said Bill Pritchett, Director of Education, AMA. “We would especially like to thank the Foundation for its support of several of AMA’s STEM education programs. We look forward to a continued partnership with the Foundation for years to come.”

The Dr. Mervin K. Strickler Jr. Award for Aerospace Education Leadership recognizes those who share Dr. Strickler’s commitment to aerospace education through the demonstration of outstanding accomplishment to the aerospace field through education over a continuous period of time. The award was established by NCASE in 1995 to distinguish and honor excellence in aerospace education.

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, serves as the nation’s collective voice for approximately 200,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreation and educational purposes. For more information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.