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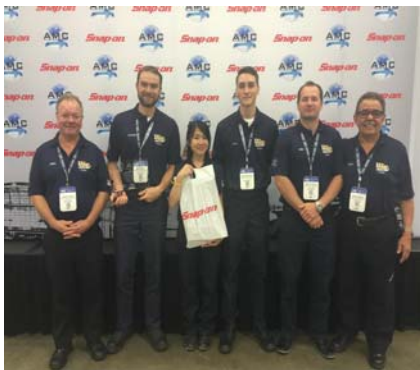
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## WEST TAKES 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AT NATIONAL AVIATION MAINTENANCE COMPETITION

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The Aviation Mechanics team from West Los Angeles College placed second in the School Category in the recent 2016 National Aerospace Maintenance Competition (AMC) in Dallas. This marks the third win for West which also placed in the top three in 2014 and 2015.

Fifty-one American and international teams representing schools, commercial aircraft, the military, and general aviation competed in 25 different timed events. “As team captain, I was honored being selected to lead the team to compete against the world’s best maintainers from all over the world. I believe I speak for the team when I say all the support, hard work and dedication of the WLAC staff, students and instructors have culminated into our school winning second in the nation,” said West student and team captain Richard McSorley. Other team members were students Anna Katono, Michal Gola, Paul Mattson and Greg Allen.

The AMC is open to engineers, technicians and students throughout the aircraft maintenance community. The competition tests the competitors’ skills that highlight responsibilities required to repair and maintain today's aircraft and spacecraft such as safety wiring and electrical cannon plug troubleshooting.

Since the West Aviation Maintenance program was founded in 1974, West has prepared students for careers in aviation mechanics and to earn a FAA license certification allowing them to garner high paying, professional aviation maintenance jobs. This dynamic program is conducted in one of the most up-to-date facilities available for college aviation training in the region. West Los Angeles College is an ACCJC accredited community college offering Associate degree, university transfer and career training programs. For more information, visit: [www.WLAC.edu/Aviation-Technology/index.aspx](http://www.WLAC.edu/Aviation-Technology/index.aspx)

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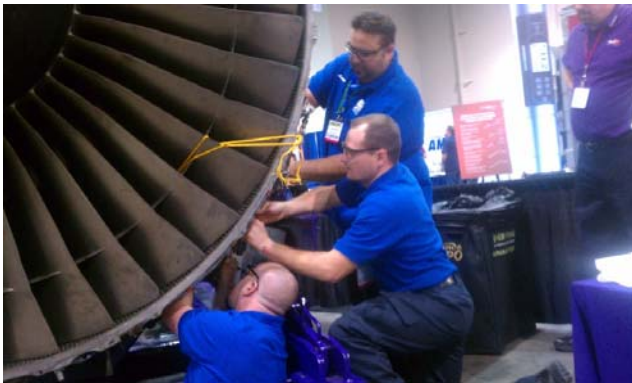
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## WEST BEATS THE PROS AGAIN AT AVIATION MAINTENANCE COMPETITION



The Aviation Mechanics team from West Los Angeles College took first place in the “Turbine Engine Event” again at their second appearance at the Aerospace Maintenance Competition (AMC) at AviationPros LIVE in Las Vegas last week. The West competitors even defeated the teams of experienced professionals. The college also took third place in the School Category.



The AMC, on March 25 and 26, brought together teams of certificated Aircraft Maintenance Technicians, Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and students enrolled in either FAA, EASA, CASA, or equivalently authorized schools as well as personnel of any country’s Armed Forces that are involved in aircraft and spacecraft maintenance. The competition has

over a dozen timed events ranging from safety wiring to electrical cannon plug troubleshooting.

Since its founding, West has trained students for careers in aviation mechanics. West is one of few accredited community colleges in Southern California to offer such a program and is well regarded in the aviation mechanics industry. The public is invited to learn more about this program at the college’s **Open House on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. More information is available at [www.WLAC.edu/2014OpenHouse](http://www.WLAC.edu/2014OpenHouse).

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