

## Meet the Geeks

Each semester, ERAU-DBs AIAA hosts a networking forum called Meet the Geeks. This forum is a speed-mentoring event designed to give future engineers an insight to what the aerospace industry is like and what the industry expects in new hires prior to the Career Fair.

Students can expect recruiters and HR personnel from their favorite companies, as well as engineers working on projects that students hope to emulate.

Companies attending this year's events:

Lockheed Martin (Skunkworks), Boeing, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Northrop Grumman, Honeywell, Gulfstream, GE, Embraer, Boston Dynamics, FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Textron, and the U.S. Airforce.

This year, had 55 students attend Meet the Geeks, even though it was held as a virtual event. Students were able to ask questions about the hiring process, availability to work with international students, company and industry environments, what companies are looking for in new employees and more.

The event:

- Set up as a Q&A format
- No pressure on students to get hired
- No resumes required for the event
- Virtual format (Zoom)
  - Individual rooms for each company
  - Students were able to move in and out of rooms to interact with multiple employers

Leadership coordinates directly with:

- Industry representatives
- ERAU's Career Services
- College of Engineering
- RSO (Registered Student Organizations)
- Alumni services