

## Flight Test Historical Foundation

### C. Gordon Fullerton Memorial Scholarship 2014 Recipient

## Valerie Stahl



Valerie Stahl is enrolled at California State University, Long Beach, in the Antelope Valley Engineering Program. A junior, having graduated and transferred from Antelope Valley College, Ms. Stahl is majoring in Mechanical Engineering with intent to pursue a career in the aerospace industry. She also intends to pursue a Master's Degree with emphasis upon material sciences.

A native Californian, Valerie knew at the very young age of five that she wanted to be an engineer; and is quick to point out "not the kind that drove a train." After some detours in both education and employment in the medical and retail fields, and revisiting career testing results taken years earlier, Valerie made a course correction to engineering. A dream of becoming an engineer once held some time ago has now become a 'solid as concrete' goal for Valerie.

Valerie Stahl has worked in retail sales both at major chain department stores and furniture stores. She has spent time in nursing programs, which has helped her in a current role providing caregiving support for her husband. She grew up volunteering as a kids' church teacher. With a strong interest in math and science, Valerie has spent the last couple of years serving as a mathematics tutor at Antelope Valley College, helping students with basic math, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus studies. Her future plans include mentoring girls and encouraging them to pursue their dreams. She graduated from AV College cum laude, and has received several academic honors and scholarships. With a life full of school, work, and family, Valerie maintains a 3.62 GPA.

Valerie and her husband David reside in Palmdale with their two dogs, Moxie and Miko. She wants to help young people realize that it is not always how smart one is, but knowing what you want to do and setting upon a path towards achieving such.