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DAYTON, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1989--The Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) has awarded doctoral fellowships to two University of Dayton students. Jeffrey S. Allen, seeking his doctoral degree in mechanical engineering, and Renee M. Kent, a doctoral candidate in materials engineering, have received the fellowships.

Thirteen fellowships were awarded to students representing all nine universities that make up the OAI, an institute formed earlier this year to promote aerospace-related research and graduate education. The fellowships will provide students with a $1,250 per month stipend for a year, which is renewable upon satisfactory progress toward the doctoral degree.

Recipients will spend some portion of their studies at the OAI in advanced courses and conducting dissertation research at either the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lewis Research Center in Cleveland or at the Wright Research and Development Center in Dayton.

"The Ohio Aerospace Institute has created a new resource for the state, and it is supporting future technological breakthroughs with these fellowships," said Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of UD and a member of the board of the Institute. "Linking our research and development programs to key NASA projects will have a major impact on Ohio's aerospace resources."

UD's researchers and graduate students provided nearly $15 million in aerospace research for government and industry contracts in 1988. UD also landed the largest contract in its history last year, a five-year, $28.8 million contract to establish a Crew System Ergonomics Information Analysis Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The award solidified UD's leadership in aerospace research in Ohio, where UD now leads all other universities in materials, propulsion and other aerospace-related research. The University's total annual research volume of more than $30 million tops any Catholic university or college in the country.