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NAVAIR Lakehurst Hosts Mentoring Workshop

FEB 1, 2012, LAKEHURST, NJ: On January 26, 2012, the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Lakehurst, Total Force Strategy and Management Department (TFS&MD), Career Development Division hosted a panel discussion on mentoring in support of National Mentoring Awareness Month (January) and Thank You Mentor Day.

Marie Pizzella and Michael Nguyen of the TFS&MD organized and facilitated the “Mentoring Matters” panel discussion. The panel was composed of eight current mentors and protégés in the NAVAIR Mentoring Program. The panel members were Denise Ackerman (7.8), Jean Hansell (10.0), David Lam (7.2), John Martenak (4.8.6), Gerry Mollo (1.3), Chris Reymann (6.0), Russell Shannon (4.8.1), and Janna Ward (4.8.1).

Panelists shared their stories and best practices for initiating successful mentor-mentee communication, creating an inspirational mentor relationship, and dealing with the challenges involved in the mentoring program. Other topics included the iMentor tool, Mentoring Toolkit and Mentoring Partnership Plan.

This panel discussion was a great opportunity to learn more about the NAVAIR Mentoring Program and create a network of mentors and protégés. With the success of this workshop, the Career Development Division and staff look forward to future training events.

PHOTO CAPTION: Mentoring Program participants discuss program elements with the executive panel at the workshop held in Lakehurst, N.J., Jan 26.

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