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Sandia Engineers Create Scholarship Fund

Published in Creating Tomorrow – Oct. 15, 2016 – A group of USU alumni who work at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., are doing something to pass along the same benefits they received as students. The team created a scholarship fund that has awarded up to $1,000 per year to multiple recipients. Henry Coakley (BS ’06, MS ’08) initiated the fund.

Left to Right: Brandon Eames, Joshua Daley, Michael Mamanakis, Josh Soelberg, Brandon Boldt and Andrew Briscoe pose for a photo at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M. Other donors not pictured. Photo: Lonnie Anderson/Sandia National Labs.

“These are students who are in the same situation we were in college,” said Coakley who graduated in 2006 with a dual BS degree in electrical engineering and mathematics and an MS in EE in 2008. “According to our financial aid records we didn’t need financial aid, but we really did,” he said. “We were in school, we worked hard, we had good GPAs and we just needed a little help to make it all work.”

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