Ball Aerospace’s Casey Waggy Receives Society of Women Engineers Award

BOULDER, Colo., Jan. 11, 2017 — Casey Waggy, a lead engineer at Ball Aerospace, received a prestigious Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Distinguished New Engineer Award for 2016.

The SWE Distinguished New Engineer Award honors women who have demonstrated outstanding technical performance, in addition to leadership in professional organizations and the community in the first ten years of their career. Waggy's technical achievement at Ball, her leadership in the Rocky Mountain Section of SWE, and a strong track record of mentoring others made her a candidate for the award.

"Casey is an outstanding engineer who is contributing to important programs at Ball and is a thought leader inside and outside the company,” said Debra Facktor Lepore, vice president and general manager, strategic operations and commercial aerospace business unit. “Casey also gives back to the community by encouraging young women to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers.”

Waggy’s career at Ball began in the summer of 2007 as an intern, where she had the opportunity to show her technical abilities early on by conducting sub-system and system level thermal analysis and hands-on testing. Waggy’s career continued to advance when she returned to Ball as a full-time employee. Working in Ball’s Electronics Center, Waggy was instrumental in finding a heat management solution for a strategic, high-powered component that enables the next generation of spacecraft power control through analysis, testing, and collaborative engineering. She was quickly promoted to work on a number of high-profile programs at Ball, including the next-generation Joint Polar-orbiting Satellite System (JPSS-1), a collaborative program between NOAA and NASA, and WorldView 3, a commercial Earth observation spacecraft for DigitalGlobe.

Waggy joined SWE as an aerospace engineering student at the University of Michigan. She became a member of the SWE Rocky Mountain Section when she joined Ball, serving on the executive council for seven years, including two years as section president. She is currently the SWE Region i Lieutenant Governor and the SWE counselor for the University of Colorado section.

“I love the work I am doing, and feel very fortunate to have outstanding mentors who continue to open doors for me to grow and be challenged,” said Waggy. “It is an honor to represent Ball and the SWE Rocky Mountain Section.”

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