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Dear Professor Waas:

On behalf of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) Cascade Chapter, I have the pleasure of forwarding our gift of \$2,500 to support students who are doing outstanding research in the Autonomous Flight Systems Laboratory in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the University of Washington. Our Board of Directors has been particularly impressed with the work of the Design, Build, Fly Team and the student research team within the Autonomous Flight Systems Laboratory. Their proposed projects – “Ecological and Topographical Surveying Using UAS” and “Vision-based Control of UAS in GPS-denied Environments” – epitomize the research that must occur to fully realize the potential of unmanned systems. We applaud those efforts and hope these funds can help advance that body of work and challenge your students to excel even further in this dynamic technology arena.

I would also like to extend the invitation to you, staff members and especially your students to attend our AUVSI Cascade Chapter events held twice annually in the Pacific Northwest. Our members would welcome a presentation by your students at a future event that I think would not only inform our membership about their activities, but also would provide valuable networking and support for future endeavors at UW.

I wish you continued success in the unmanned systems work at the University of Washington and look forward to future engagement between our chapter and UW. Congratulations on your award and “Well Done” to all involved!

Warm regards,

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