



Kenworth Honored by Seattle University for 30 Years of Project Center Participation

SEATTLE, Wash. – Celebrating 30 years of working together, Seattle University recently recognized Kenworth for its ongoing support of the Project Center in the university's College of Science and Engineering during a special ceremony. Over those 30 years, Kenworth has conducted 33 real-world engineering projects with Seattle University engineering students.



Fr. Stephen Sundborg, S.J., president of Seattle University, toots the horn of a Kenworth T680 76-inch sleeper during a special event honoring Kenworth's 30 years of support for the Project Center in the university's College of Science and Engineering.

“Kenworth has been an invaluable partner with Seattle University since the beginning of the Project Center 30 years ago,” said Fr. Stephen Sundborg, S.J., Seattle University president. “The mentorships and collaborative projects the company has sponsored over the years have helped make the Project Center the true point of pride that it is for the university.”



From left are Michael Quinn, PhD, dean of Seattle University's College of Science and Engineering; Patrick Dean, Kenworth chief engineer; and Fr. Stephen Sundborg, S.J., Seattle University president.

“Support from the business and manufacturing world is vital to educational institutions,” added Dr. Teodora Rutar Shuman, Seattle University's Associate Professor and Chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department. “Our projects with Kenworth give our students real-world engineering challenges. When solving those problems, the students know that they can make an impact.”

Some of the students' projects with Kenworth have included an electrified cooling fan, truck noise cancellation, torsion bar suspension enhancements, automatic turn signal cancellation device, dual purpose aerodynamic panels, dynamic cab extender, and auxiliary heating, ventilation and air conditioning.



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“Kenworth has sponsored multiple projects that push a team to its limits, and we return annually because the students successfully rise to the challenge. The Seattle University student teams always produce meaningful results, and several of their inventions have been submitted for patent protection,” said Reid Nabarrete, Kenworth assistant chief engineer, who is a Seattle University alumnus.

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