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Mouser and *Design News* to Award 2014 Top Rising Engineering Star

January 28, 2014 – [Mouser Electronics](http://www.mouser.com), Inc., a worldwide leading authorized distributor of semiconductors and electronic components and top resource for design engineers, today announced that in partnership with *Design News*, it will formally recognize this year's 2014 Rising Engineering Star in a ceremony to be held February 11th in Anaheim, California.

This year's Rising Engineer Star is Justine Haupt of Brookhaven National Laboratory. "Haupt was chosen from a truly impressive field of nominees," said Kevin Hess, Mouser Electronics' Vice President of Technical Marketing.

In her position at Brookhaven, Haupt is designing test systems for the focal plane components of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope, which will be the world's largest digital camera.

Lauren Muskett, assistant managing editor of *Design News*, said Haupt's interests in technology and design are not limited to her laboratory job. Haupt is a senior staff member in charge of instrumentation at the Custer Observatory, where she re-engineered the optical train for the largest public telescope on Long Island. She performed optical design, machined the mechanical components in her home shop, and installed and tested the system.

Paul O'Connor, a colleague who nominated Haupt for the award, said: "As a self-motivated engineering talent, Justine is in a class by herself. Inventive, spirited, and remarkably creative, she has managed to develop a mastery of mechanical, optical, and electrical design, which have made her an invaluable asset to the Instrumentation Division at Brookhaven Laboratory."

Design News senior editor Rob Spiegel praised Haupt as a very well rounded and grounded engineer.

"Justine is impressive in her range of excellence. She has strong engineering skills, but she also gives back to her professional community," said Spiegel. "It's the range of interests in competencies that make for a full career and a rich life."

Before studying physics, Justine Haupt got her pilot's license at age 18. She holds an FAA-certified Advanced Ground Instructor rating. She refurbished the avionics and the cockpit of a 1947 single-engine plane (including installing a new intercom and strobe light system) before flying it. She is an avid glider pilot and paraglider.

This is the second year of the Rising Stars program, a cooperative effort between Mouser and *Design News*, a division of UBM that serves the information needs of design engineers around the globe. The program draws an impressive list of nominees.

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“These people all are thinking outside the box and excelling in their fields. Their passion for their work is evident, and we look forward to seeing more of their inventive work in the future,” Hess said. “As a company on the forefront of technology, Mouser is excited to be part of this program to recognize today’s brightest up-and-coming engineers. Every day, they are developing new, life-changing devices. Mouser is helping turn their ideas into the working prototypes to become the advanced products of tomorrow. We applaud their innovation.”

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