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*ATA is experiencing significant growth, and our location in the Sandia Science & Technology Park (SS&TP) has played a role in that growth, enabling us to continue serving our customers on Kirtland Air Force Base.*

Dan Gillings, President, Applied Technology Associates (ATA)

### COMPANY ORGANIZATIONS AND NEWS

#### SS&TP Company Leadership Luncheon

ATA recently hosted the SS&TP Company Leadership Luncheon for companies and organizations in the Park. This was an opportunity for ATA, a precision measurement, sensing, and controls company that provides services and products to government and commercial customers, to present some of their projects and capabilities. In addition, Park leaders were able to network with each other and announce new company updates and activities. More info at [atacorp.com](http://atacorp.com).



Tiffany Sevieri, Marketing and Public Relations; Dan Gillings, President; and Neil McCasland, Director of Technology; all from ATA

#### AOT Gives Tour to Sandia

Advanced Optical Technologies (AOT) recently gave a tour of their SS&TP lab to a few Sandia National Laboratories business development and technical team members. Brian Hoover, AOT Chief Scientist and Technology Officer, explained current projects utilizing AOT's laser polarimeters, as well as extended-range atomic-force microscope (AFM) imaging for various applications, and next generation sensors and optical subsystem development in AOT's 54' laser range. More info at [advanced-optical.com](http://advanced-optical.com).

#### QC Group Expands Service

QC Group has expanded its dimensional inspection and reverse engineering service offerings to also include non-destructive testing through its sister companies, NDT Labs and Infinium NDE. This expansion gives customers the ability to advance their own operations quickly and cost efficiently. As a division of Industrial Inspection & Analysis, the company focuses on service, integrity, and technical expertise. QC Group's location in the SS&TP makes it cost-efficient and convenient to work with government and laboratory institutions. More info at [qcgroup.com](http://qcgroup.com).

#### STEM Day at Sandia

Students from the Technology Leadership High School (TLHS), located in the SS&TP, recently participated in STEM Day at Sandia along with nearly 100 other middle and high school girls and boys from across Albuquerque. The students learned about the STEM fields and how they can be a part of this growing industry.

This annual event introduces students who are traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields to careers and role models through engaging, hands-on sessions that combine instruction and mentorship. More info at [techabq.org](http://techabq.org).



Students from TLHS partake in STEM Day at Sandia

### Entrepreneur Exploration

An Entrepreneur Exploration Roundtable discussion was recently held at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History. A panel of four startup founders discussed their intense learning experiences from day one as CEO of their companies to the present day. Participants learned about raising capital, selecting co-founders, building brands, leveraging intellectual property, and scaling the enterprise. There were 36 entrepreneurs and community leaders as well as 23 Sandians that attended the event.



Kathleen Gardenswartz, EEx Program Leader, Sandia; Laurence Chavez, CEO, Lotus Leaf Coatings; Katie Rice, CEO, BabyPage and Senior Associate, EPIC Ventures; Luke Smith, Founder, EcoSeal; and Seth Gardenswartz, CEO, SureFi

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