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Valkyrie Continues Partnership with Astronaut Scholarship Foundation as Leading Partner in AI

Austin, TX — Valkyrie, an AI/ML and knowledge engineering firm, announces their ongoing partnership with the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) as their 'Leading Partner in AI', which extends from 2022 to 2024. ASF is a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships to talented college students working toward a career in STEM, while commemorating the legacy of America's pioneering astronauts. Both organizations have a common goal to further promote the education and forward movement of our future leaders in STEM.

Valkyrie made a 3-year commitment to support ASF's efforts inspiring the next generation of game changers. This partnership will diversify ASF's portfolio of partner companies to better serve Astronaut Scholars and their fields of study bringing unique opportunities in the areas of science and technology.

During the first year of the partnership, Valkyrie and ASF announced Amani Maina-Kilaas, from Harvey Mudd College, as the first Astronaut Scholar to benefit from the collaborative efforts.

"When I found out that I had been selected as an Astronaut Scholar, I was filled with both excitement and gratitude. This award not only provided me with financial support for my education, but also validated my ability to succeed as a researcher," said Maina-Kilaas. "At the Innovators conference, I felt truly honored to be recognized among such a brilliant cohort of kind individuals who share my passion for science and technology, and I am looking forward to connecting with ASF alumni who are pushing the limits of what is possible in their fields. I would like to thank Valkyrie for supporting my award and for their invaluable contribution to my education and growth as a researcher."

Additional highlights from 2022 include Valkyrie being a prominent sponsor for a commemorative event celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 16 in Houston, TX with ASF, Astronaut Charlie Duke, and many Apollo 16 crew family members.



ASF Chairman & Astronaut Curt Brown with
2022 Harvey Mudd College Astronaut Scholar Amani Maina-Kilaas



Valkyrie team celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 16 with Doug
Ward, Astronaut Charlie Duke, Astronaut Fred Haise & Jerry Bostick



Looking forward, the two organizations plan to collaborate on multiple educational activations and scholar meet-ups, bringing together many scholars and STEM professionals alike. Additionally, the partnership includes an internship solely available for an Astronaut Scholar that displays Valkyrie Intelligence.

Charlie Burgoyne, Valkyrie CEO

“At Valkyrie, we are strongly committed to helping foster and invest in the next generation of scientists. We’ve made it our goal to work towards broadening the diversity of STEM education through philanthropic efforts and partnerships. It is for this reason that we’re truly excited to partner with ASF for another consecutive year, helping to support the very best and brightest scholars in STEM, all while commemorating the legacy of America’s pioneering astronauts. We expect the coming year to be filled with new opportunities to help open doors for more.”

Caroline Schumacher, Astronaut Scholarship Foundation President & CEO

“Here at ASF, we are dedicated to keeping the United States on the leading edge of technology and innovation by fueling exceptional students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Valkyrie brings unique qualities to ASF with their work in AI and their commitment to young innovators. Astronaut Scholars will benefit greatly from the mentorship and support received from Valkyrie. Together, our aligned missions and values will inspire Astronaut Scholars to discover a bright future for our society.”

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About Astronaut Scholarship Foundation

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF), created by the six surviving Mercury 7 astronauts, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides annually more than 60 scholarships to the brightest and most talented college students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

About Valkyrie Intelligence

Valkyrie is an AI/ML and knowledge engineering firm specializing in building custom AI-powered and knowledge graph solutions for their clients and investment funds. Since its start in 2017, Valkyrie has worked for top Fortune 500 companies and US government agencies, solving their most complex and pressing challenges. By finding the hidden insights within data, their team creates solutions that allow their clients to act on empirically backed intelligence and thrive in a data-driven world.

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