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## Sandia helps race car program

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Sandia National Laboratories has given \$5,000 to the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers of the School of Engineering at the University of New Mexico for its race car program.

The Formula Society of Automotive Engineers is an annual international collegiate engineering competition in which students must design and build their own open-wheel race car from scratch. UNM has been participating in Formula SAE competitions since 1998. In 2004, UNM established itself as a top competitor, placing 14th out of 120 teams.

From the beginning, UNM has stood out among universities in that the UNM FSAE program is one of two programs in the nation structured as transcripted, academic courses rather than as a volunteer student club. The program is one of two options for completing the required senior design project for a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Sandia has been a longtime sponsor and partner with the FSAE program and is again one of the lead sponsors of the 2009 FSAE team. FSAE teams routinely include Sandia UNM student employees.

The FSAE West competition where UNM students will complete in June takes place in Fontana, Calif., and is the second-largest FSAE competition in the United States, with 80 teams competing.

For additional information, visit [www.unmfund.org](http://www.unmfund.org).

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