

## Araca, Inc. and Lewis University Partner on CMP Process Development

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-- The Keleher Research Group at Lewis
University has signed a new six-month
sponsored research agreement with
Araca, Inc., an innovative company
specializing in Chemical Mechanical
Planarization (CMP). The collaboration
will focus on the design of novel nanodispersions and associated equipment
for the CMP process that provide a
tunable performance under externally
energized conditions.



"Such an agreement will provide

invaluable CMP experience for the research students, help strengthen the new generation of scientists entering our field, and, in turn, enhance the company's technology and pathfinding efforts. It is truly a win-win," said Dr. Ara Philipossian, president and CEO of Araca, Inc. The work aims to further explore critical mechanisms that drive performance with particular emphasis on correlating laboratory-scale results to industrially relevant high-volume manufacturing processes.

"This partnership will provide world-class opportunities for our students while also laying the groundwork for countless 21st-century high-tech jobs here in the U.S.", said Dr. Christopher White, dean of the <u>Lewis University College of Aviation</u>, <u>Science</u>, and <u>Technology</u>.

Araca Inc., headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, is a global provider of unique, enabling, and fully customized solutions for semiconductor device planarization applications. Visit <a href="https://www.aracainc.com">www.aracainc.com</a> for details.

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