

#### NASA ADVISORY COUNCIL STEM ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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#### 1. Key Updates

- Moon 2024 & National Space Council
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### FIFTH NATIONAL SPACE COUNCIL MEETING

#### **Expert Panel 1: Ready to Fly**

- Les Lyles, retired U.S. Air Force general and former Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force
- Eileen Collins, retired U.S. Air Force officer and former NASA astronaut
- Sandy Magnus, former NASA astronaut

#### **Expert Panel 2: Ready to Explore**

- Dan Dumbacher, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Jack Burns, University of Colorado at Boulder
- Wanda Sigur, independent consultant



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#### March 26, 2019

VP Pence announced plans to return U.S. astronauts to the surface of the Moon by 2024, with report from NASA Administrator Bridenstine

#### ARTEMIS PHASE 1: TO THE LUNAR SURFACE BY 2024

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**MARS 2020** 

ARTEMIS 2: FIRST HUMANS TO THE MOON IN THE 21st CENTURY

ARTEMIS 1: FIRST HUMAN SPACECRAFT TO THE MOON IN THE 21st CENTURY FIRST HIGH POWER SOLAR ELECTRIC PROPULSION (SEP) SYSTEM FIRST PRESSURIZED CREW MODULE DELIVERED TO GATEWAY

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ARTEMIS 3: CREWED MISSION TO GATEWAY AND LUNAR SURFACE

Commercial Lunar Payload Services - CLPS delivered science and technology payloads

#### Early South Pole Crater Rim Mission(s)

- First robotic landing on eventual human lunar return and ISRU site

- First ground truth of polar crater volatiles

Descent Element Test - First large-scale science lander on the Moon

Humans on the Moon - 21st Century First crew leverages infrastructure left behind by previous missions

2024





#### **BUDGET HISTORY**



\$M	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u> </u>	Y20
Next Gen STEM/Other	\$ 28.6	\$ 29.0	\$ 25.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 12.0	\$	-
Space Grant	\$ 40.0	\$ 40.0	\$ 40.0	\$ 40.9	\$ 40.0	\$ 44.0	\$	-
EPSCoR	\$ 18.0	\$ 18.0	\$ 18.0	\$ 17.1	\$ 18.0	\$ 21.0	\$	-
MUREP	\$ 30.0	\$ 32.0	\$ 32.0	\$ 32.0	\$ 32.0	\$ 33.0	\$	-
<b>Total STEM Engagement Funding</b>	\$ 116.6	\$ 119.0	\$ 115.0	\$ 100.0	\$ 100.0	\$ 110.0	\$	-

#### STEM ENGAGEMENT BSA IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



**Pre-BSA Terminology** 

- Education (Office of Education)
- Outreach (Office of Communications)

Accomplished implementation plan approach over an 18 month period – finishing 6 months early, despite budget challenges and 35-day partial government shutdown.



## STEM ENGAGEMENT TRANSFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS

Systemic	Programmatic
<ul> <li>STEM Engagement Council</li> <li>New STEM Engagement function and Office of STEM Engagement</li> <li>New agency Strategy for STEM Engagement</li> <li>New performance measurement and evaluation approach</li> <li>Integrated agency STEM Engagement Portfolio</li> <li>Annual agency STEM Engagement planning process</li> <li>Annual agency STEM Engagement planning process</li> <li>New STEM Engagement NASA Policy Directive (in formal NODIS process)</li> <li>Capabilities-driven model with assignment of functional roles and responsibilities         <ul> <li>Performance Measurement &amp; Evaluation</li> <li>Educational Platforms and Capabilities</li> <li>Internships</li> </ul> </li> <li>Enhanced infrastructure, tools &amp; systems         <ul> <li>New NASA Internship Portal</li> <li>New NASA STEM Engagement Search Engine for students and educators</li> <li>New enterprise performance measurement system under construction</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An integrated program management approach for appropriated program</li> <li>Significant changes to appropriated programs:         <ul> <li>New Next Gen STEM project, replacing SEAP, incorporating significant changes to approach</li> <li>Streamlined MUREP with more focused, strategic award initiatives</li> <li>New multi-year solicitation for Space Grant with key changes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rigorous, systematic program and fiscal management practices</li> <li>Project management and grants management training requirements – in implementation</li> </ul>

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### **New Architecture Enabling Student OPPORTUNITIES & CONTRIBUTIONS**



**ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO** BENEFICIARIES STEM |



**NASA MISSION DIRECTORATE** 

The NASA Strategy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Engagement serves as a roadmap to frame and guide the agency's work in STEM engagement over the next 3 years.

#### **Beneficiaries of NASA's STEM Engagement Portfolio**











Elementary

Middle School

High School

Undergraduate

Graduate

STEM engagement is comprised of a broad and diverse set of programs, projects, activities and products developed and implemented by HQ functional Offices, Mission Directorates and Centers.









#### **FOCUS AREAS OBJECTIVES** NASA Enable Students contribute to NASA's endeavors in exploration and contributions to discovery. NASA Strategy for Science, Technology, Engineering and **NASA's work** Research and development capacity of educational institutions is Math (STEM) Engagement enhanced, enabling broad and diverse contributions that directly 2018 - 2020 address NASA priorities. Build a diverse, skilled, future workforce Strengthen **STEM through** Approved by the NASA STEM Engagement Council connections to August 22, 2018 NASA



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#### **NASA STEM ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO**



#### **STEM ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO DRIVERS & CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### Student contributions to NASA's work in action





#### **CORE FUNCTION 1:**

A COMPREHENSIVE STEM ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR NASA



STEM Engagement Strategy, Planning, Integration and Oversight



#### Congressionally Appropriated Projects

•Space Grant •MUREP •EPSCoR •NextGen STEM



#### Student Experiential Work & Learning Opportunities

Internships and fellowships
Challenges, contests, competitions

**KEY EXAMPLES** 



Engagement Support for Educators/Faculty

•Direct financial support •Access to NASA personnel and facilities



STEM Education Conferences; STEM experiential activities in schools



#### **CORE FUNCTION 2:**

SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE AGENCY



Providing an agency wide infrastructure for administering student internships



Providing expertise to build and facilitate effective relationships with Minority Serving Institutions



Providing measurement, assessment and evaluation of NASAs STEM Engagement investments



Partnering in development and delivery of NASA STEM products and platforms to assure quality and integrity

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#### **TEAM II SOLICITATION**

Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions

> 2019 Solicitation Underway Due Date: August 13, 2019

Theme: Moon to Mars Experiential-based educational opportunities in informal settings targeted at grades 4-8

Utilize networks with wide range of organizations to enable broad dissemination

Proposals directly tied to and amplify the Moon to Mars theme





#### **PARTNERSHIP: TYNKER**



Series of coding challenges based on NASA space missions

- Challenge 1:
  - Deadline May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - >7,000 unique entries
  - Winners were announced May 20)
- Challenge 2: September 2019
- Challenge 3: November 2019



Forward to the Moon Design a Mission Patch Design Challenge Winners Announced















#### **NEXT GEN STEM: PILOT THEMES**

- ✓ Evidence-based pilot activities to engage middle school students in mission content
   ✓ Hand's on Inquiry Based Experiences
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#### **GRADES 5-12 ACTIVITIES**



#### **VIRTUAL REALITY FIELD TRIPS**





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#### **ACTIVITY DEMONSTRATION VIDEOS**

Senses of Sound

Sound Effects



Viewing Locations: SSGL Website, NASA Images, NASA Education YouTube, NASA Edge Website



#### **NASA'S LOWER THE BOOM – CITIZEN SCIENCE ACTIVITY**





#### Anecdata Citizen Science Data Collection App







#### **COMPREHENSIVE ACTIVITY GUIDE**



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Moon to Mars

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# EXPLORE MOON to MARS

#### MOON LIGHTS THE WAY

# **POWERING INTO DEEP SPACE**



#### MOON TO MARS: Powering into Deep Space







#### **OSTEM DIVERSITY DATA KEY POINTS**

Both in government and industry attracting and retaining diverse students in a STEM challenge Government and industry are competing for students within a limited pool of applicants Nationally there are some positive upticks in enrollments at Universities Across 3 years trends, OSTEM is exceeding performance measures with students who self identify with underrepresented race and ethnicity categories OSTEM is looking across funded grants and opportunities to identify positive outliers to study further for identification of best practices



#### **OSTEM STUDENT AWARDS: RACE**



Note: Red dot ( ) indicates the national average for underrepresented students enrolled in STEM degree programs. The U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reported 8.1 percent of enrollees STEM degree programs in 2014 and 9.6 percent in 2016 identified as Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Based on data release date, FY13 - FY16 NASA data is compared to 2014 NCES-IPEDS; FY17 NASA data is compared to 2016 NCES-IPDES.



#### **OSTEM STUDENT AWARDS: ETHNICITY**

					90.0 =			
•	# of	Not Hispanic	Hispanic or	DNR	80.0			
	Significant Awardees	or Latino # (%)	Latino # (%)	Ethnicity #	70.0			
FY 2015	3 673	2 8/18 (83 9)	545 (161)*	280	60.0			
FY 2016	3,075	2,040 (00.0)	545 (10.1)	280	50.0			
All OSE	7,519	5,796 (83.3)	1,160 (16.7)*	563	40.0			
<b>FY 2017</b> All OSE	7,409	5,836 (84.2)	1,099 (15.8)*	474	30.0			
					20.0			
Note: * indicates years that awardees exceeded the national average for Ethnically underrepresented (URE) students enrolled in STEM degree programs. DNR = Did not report					10.0	11.7% ● Target		• 14.4% Target
					0.0 —			
						FY 2015 All OSE Hispanic or Latino %	FY 2016 — All OSE Non-Hi	FY 2017 spanic or Not-Latino %

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) indicates the national average for Hispanic or Latino students enrolled in STEM degree programs. The U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reported 11.7 percent of enrollees in STEM degree programs in 2014 identified as Hispanic or Latino and 14.4 percent in 2016. Based on data release date, FY16 NASA data is compared to 2014 NCES-IPEDS; FY17 NASA data is compared to 2016 NCES-IPDES.



Office of STEM Engagement Significant Awardees Percentage by Ethnicity

#### **OSTEM STUDENT AWARDS: GENDER**



Note: Red dot (•) indicates the national average for females enrolled in STEM degree programs. The U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reported 39.5 percent of enrollees STEM degree programs in 2014 were female and 40.6 percent were female in 2016. Based on data release date, FY16 NASA data is compared to 2014 NCES-IPEDS; FY17 NASA data is compared to 2016 NCES-IPDES.



#### **NAC RECOMMENDATION #2:**

SPARK THAT LEADS TO ENGAGEMENT

**Recommendation #2**: The Office of STEM Engagement should create a deep and comprehensive document that describes what we know about sparking student interest (spark), STEM engagement, and motivation, and use it to create the foundational evidence for the Office.

**Major Reasons for the Recommendation:** NASA is uniquely positioned to inspire and motivate the country with their work. As good stewards of a limited budget, NASA strives to maximize its investments. If NASA could better understand spark, STEM engagement, and motivation, it could be more effective—basing investment decisions on evidence of what works. The Committee feels there is sufficient ambiguity in the field about spark, STEM engagement, and motivation that the Agency should invest in a deeper review of the evidence-based strategies and practices that promote spark, STEM engagement, and motivation.

**Consequences of No Action on the Recommendation:** Lack of action on this recommendation relegates NASA to using secondary indicators of effectiveness, and could lead to less effective investment decisions. NASA will have limited impact, and will be at greater risk of duplication of ineffective activities.



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NAC Recommendation #2	Proposed Approach	Utility
Create a deep and comprehensive document that describes what is known about:	<ul> <li>Engage a panel of nationally recognized STEM education subject matter experts (SME) to develop recommendations for NASA's continued success in STEM engagement.</li> </ul>	The report will provide foundational evidence that will be used to inform: • NASA's portfolio of STEM
Sparking student interest, STEM engagement, and Motivation.	<ul> <li>Convene a Sparking STEM Interest Forum with SMEs at NASA HQ to discuss and prioritize recommendations.</li> <li>Create a report of STEM education SME findings, recommendations, and next steps for continuing the line of research.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engagement investments and</li> <li>The design, execution, and performance measurement of NASA's STEM Engagement activities.</li> </ul>



#### **OSTEM PORTFOLIO**





#### **DRAFT QUESTIONS**

#### NAC Recommendation #2

Create a deep and comprehensive document that describes what is known about:

- Sparking student interest,
- STEM engagement, and
- Motivation.

What should NASA do to find success in STEM Engagement?

- 1. What is the appropriate role in sparking STEM interest for NASA that is unique from other federal agencies? In sustaining STEM interest? In developing and sustaining students' intrinsic motivation to persist in STEM academic and career pursuits?
  - What research-based effective strategies should NASA incorporate into the design and execution of STEM engagement activities to spark STEM interest in diverse student populations, specifically groups traditionally underserved or underrepresented in STEM fields? To sustain STEM interest? To develop and sustain students' intrinsic motivation to persist in STEM academic and career pursuits?
- 2. To what extent are NASA's goals and priorities for STEM engagement designed to support sparking STEM interest? Sustaining STEM interest? Developing and sustaining students' intrinsic motivation to persist in STEM academic and career pursuits?
- 3. To what extent is the NASA STEM Engagement Strategy an effective document to guide the design and execution of activities that will spark STEM interest? Sustain STEM interest? Developing and sustaining students' intrinsic motivation to persist in STEM academic and career pursuits?



#### **PHASE ONE KEY MILESTONES**

Timeline	Phase One Key Milestones
April 2019	STEM Education SME's identified
May 2019	<ul> <li>Orientation webinar for STEM Education SMEs</li> <li>STEM Education SMEs generate abstracts and research prospectus document</li> </ul>
June 2019	<ul> <li>STEM Education SME's finalize abstracts and research prospectus</li> <li>PAEIM Team develops workshop agenda and structure</li> <li>PAEIM Team completes logistics and travel for staff and STEM Education SMEs for workshop</li> </ul>
July 2019	<ul> <li>Convene STEM Education SME workshop at NASA HQ</li> <li>PAEIM Team generates report of workshop findings</li> </ul>
August 2019	PAEIM Team finalizes report of workshop findings



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# **THANK YOU!**