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NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partners (ACCP) Educators

The NASA ACCP team would like to introduce and give a tremendous shout out to all of NASA ACCP Community educators, formal and informal, who work to bring STEM to all!!!

Thank You!!!!!!



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Aidan Schneider



Job Title: Director / Educator NASA ASTRO CAMP® Reno, Nevada

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner?

I became a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner a year ago, after interning for NASA and learning about the program during a competition. This inspired me to share the wonders of space and engineering with my community. Today, I'm thrilled to report that my non-profit and 501(c)(3) organization The Phoenixes, has successfully taught NASA curriculum and topics to over 770 students in Reno, Nevada. Our after-school and summer NASA ASTRO CAMPS are entirely free of charge, eliminating any financial barriers to accessing such an enriching learning opportunity.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Thanks to the support of our 11 partner organizations, we are able to offer our free NASA ASTRO-CAMPS in multiple locations throughout Reno, Nevada and through Zoom. Our incredible partners, including the Washoe County Library System, The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, the University of Nevada, Reno Innevation Center, and VoluntYou have generously provided us with the necessary resources and space to make these camps a reality. I am grateful for their contributions and look forward to continuing our partnership to inspire and educate more underserved students in the wonders of space and STEM.

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am a 16-year-old with a passion for engineering and the founder of my 501(c)(3) organization The Phoenixes, dedicated to cultivate community-wide STEM excellence. Growing up, I spent time in Albania due to my father's work. During my time there, I was lucky enough to have access to books and information that allowed me to expand my knowledge. However, I never had the opportunity to experience the wide-ranging, thoroughly informative, and fun materials that are offered through the NASA ASTRO CAMP® program. I truly believe that our ASTRO-Campers are incredibly fortunate to have access to this level of scientific knowledge. It serves as a gateway to the exciting world of STEM and can pave the way for a more useful and imaginative life. As someone who missed out on such opportunities in my younger years, I am thrilled to be part of the NASA ACCP Team leading the Next Generation of Earth and Space Explorers- the ARTEMIS Generation by establishing and running Nevada's first NASA ASTRO CAMP.





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Catherine Burke

Job Title: I am a 5th grade math and science teacher.

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner?

I found out about the opportunity from my daughter who is a children's librarian in Charlotte County, FL. She and I both were excited to become facilitators for our individual sites.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?
Gene Witt Elementary School in Bradenton, Florida

What would you like to share about yourself?
I have always had a love for science and I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm with students. We need more young people getting excited about science and asking questions about their world.





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Christopher Mick



Job Title: Education and Outreach for Space St. Croix

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner?

I saw information about the opportunity through my involvement with the NASA Informal Education Alliance.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?
Hudson, Wisconsin

What would you like to share about yourself?
A passionate advocate for STEM education at all grade levels and abilities.



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Gillian Rabalais



Job Title: STEM Teacher

**How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
Community Partner?**

This is Cedarwood School's first year as a Community Partner! I have been a facilitator for five years through the ACCP program.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?
Mandeville, LA

What would you like to share about yourself?

I love sharing my passion of space science with my students. I am proud that we offer NASA science from our youngest learners in PK-4 through our oldest learners in 7th grade. Go Snappers!



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Lindsey Kunkel



Job Title: Interactive Science Specialist

**How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
Community Partner?**

Through professional development & challenges at NASA Glenn in Cleveland

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

We are located in Oregon, Ohio.

What would you like to share about yourself?

Hi, my name is Lindsey Kunkel. I have been an Interactive Science Specialist at the Challenger Center of Lake Erie West in Oregon, Ohio for 6 years. This will be our second year partnering with NASA Astro Camp! I have done various professional development, tours, and engineering design challenges at NASA Glenn in Cleveland which is how we heard about Astro Camp and becoming a collaborative partner. It's a perfect way to use the up-to-date NASA curriculum for our summer camps. I absolutely love the activities our campers get to do from the Astro Camp curriculum! It really brings the joy of space, travel, science, and working together to kids anywhere they may be!



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Rachel Scheet



Job Title: Earth and Space Science Education Coordinator

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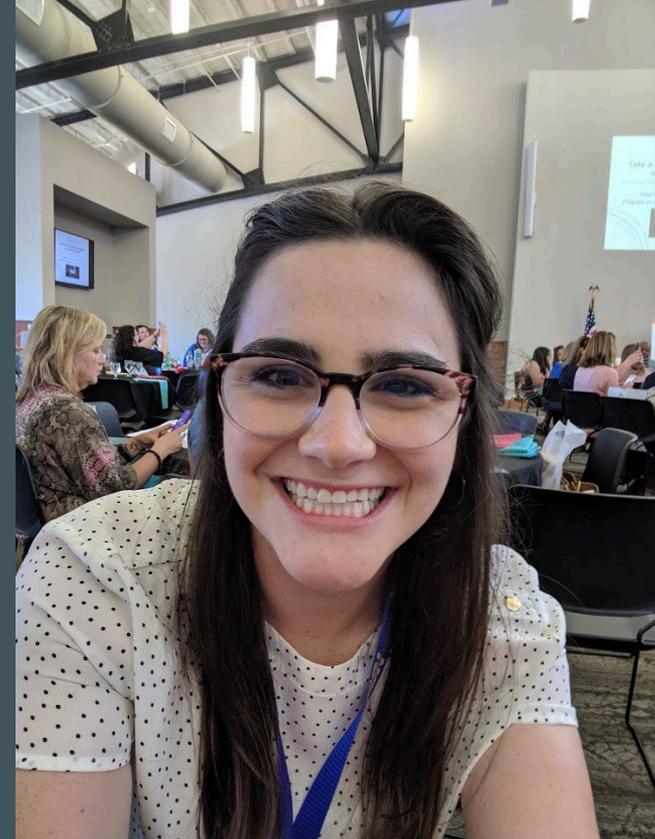
I found this opportunity on NASA CONNECTS.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

University of Nebraska State Museum

What would you like to share about yourself?

This will be my first year participating in the NASA ASTRO CAMP®. I am very excited to share this with our summer campers in a couple months!





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Jennifer Garcia



Job Title: Club Director

**How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
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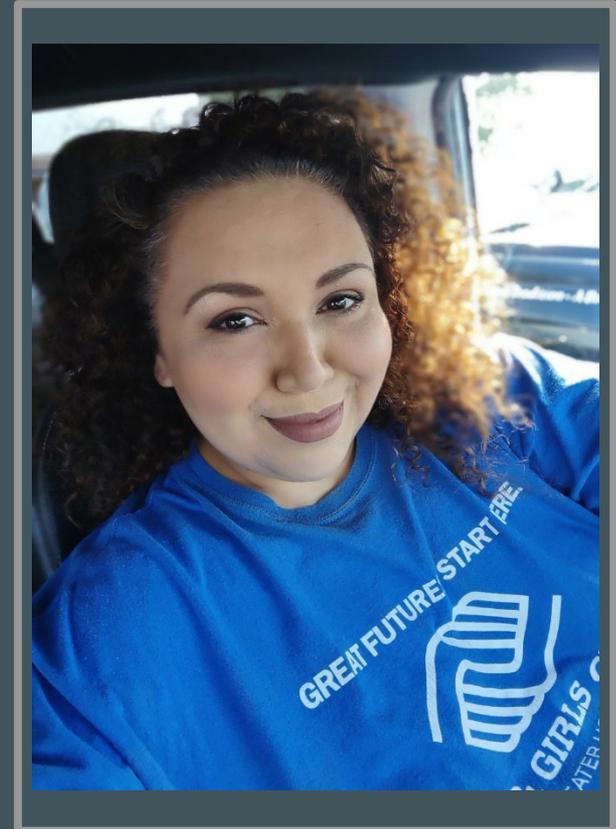
The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston is partnered with this program and our members absolutely love it!

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

We are located in the Spring Branch area of Houston, TX.

What would you like to share about yourself?

I love my job and what I do. Not everyone gets to go to work and actually make a difference. What we do is made possible by these types of partnerships, so for that I am grateful! My goal is to make a positive impact in the lives of as many of our youth as possible.



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Tulane University Center for K-12 STEM Education



How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
Community Partner?

Met the NASA community engagement team
at a local STEM outreach event.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

What would you like to share about yourself?
We (Center) love collaborating with the NASA team. The
excitement that both teachers and students express when
exploring the team's resource and participating
in their workshops is the best!



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Sandra Hayes, STEM Teacher



I became a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner while working with middle and high school students at our summer camps. I'm looking forward to this summer, and more fun!

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?
Lake Charles, Louisiana

I love teaching Middle School STEM. I am the VEX robotics Coach at F. K. White Middle School, and we made it to the VEX World Championship this year! I also work with the Students participating in the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program at our school, and we are sending Our 2nd experiment to the ISS this year.



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George Corkern



Job Title: Robotics Program Coordinator

YMCA of Bogalusa

**How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
Community Partner?**

**Through a FIRST Robotics class held at Infinity
Science Center**

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

YMCA of Bogalusa LA

What would you like to share about yourself?

**Everyday is a gift and an opportunity to change the world
and open someone's life to the possibilities of what can be.**



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LAWRENCE F D'SOUZA



Job Title: Astro Educator

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
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Applied through ASTRO CAMP® web

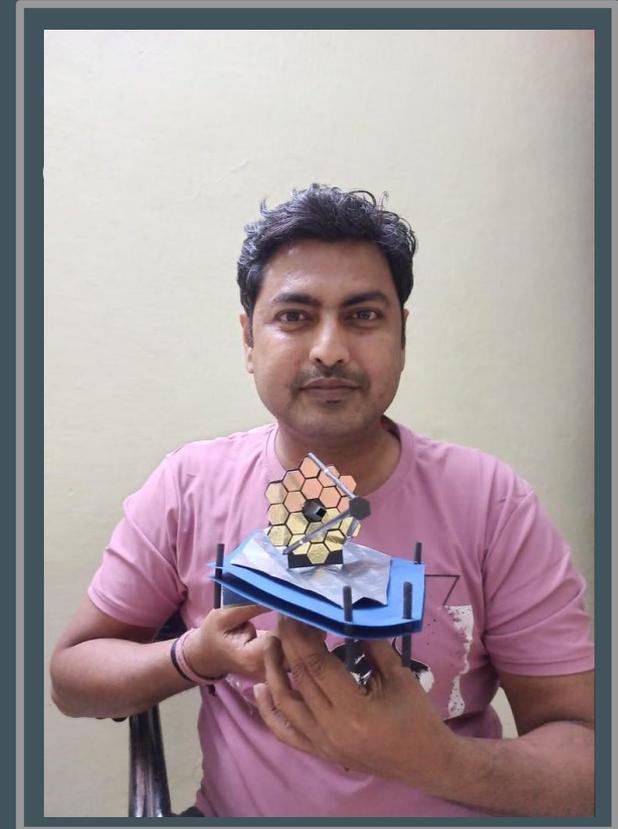
Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Lawrence Eyes On Space(LEO-S)
Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

What would you like to share about yourself?

Having worked within astronomy education and outreach for nearly 18 years, I am very passionate about bringing astronomy to students across India. I have a passion for space exploration, Astro-modelling, Rocketry, Astrophotography and telescope making.

An Astro-Educator at heart, and school principal by profession.





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Christopher Stone



Job Title: Teacher on Special Assignment and Director of CT STEM Academy

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner?

I have been a NASA Astro Camp Community Partner since 2017. I have been engaging in NASA Educator programming since 1998.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?
Wallingford, CT

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am a proud public school educator, father of three wonderful boys, and husband of Wendy. My wife and I will celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary this summer.



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Jessica Halsey



Job Title: Science Teacher

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner?

I found out about the program from a NASA 3-D Thursday webinar for rural educators

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

APW Jr/Sr HS in Parish, NY. We are a small rural school located in central New York, not too far from Lake Ontario

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am a huge Star Wars nerd and am already a crazy cat lady.



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Amy Zientek, Ph.D.



Job Title: Science Teacher

**How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
Community Partner?**

I learned about the NASA ASTRO CAMP by attending a Webinar.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Milwaukee, WI

What would you like to share about yourself?

I'm excited to participate in this program, and I can't wait to bring the resources that are shared back to my students!



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Laura Juárez



Job Title: CT STEM Academy Facilitator / Robotics Director

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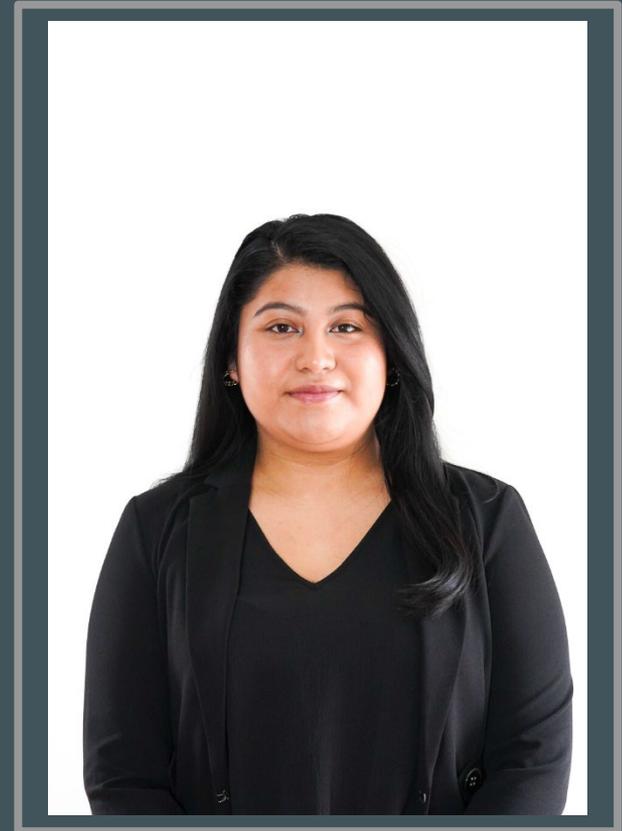
I became a partner working through the academy. The opportunity came along, took the training and have been leading Astro camps during the summer and the year.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

CT STEM Academy in Wallingford, CT.

What would you like to share about yourself?

Running Astro Camp is something I look forward to do every summer. I have recently been recognized as The Connecticut Affiliate of the National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT)





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Ms. Jean-Marie Williams



Job Title:

- Engineering instructor and FIRST Robotics Coach to FLL team 4043, FTC team 8647, FTC team 9661, FTC team 10703, FTC team 18658, and FRC team 2080

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner?

- Ms. Jean jumped at the chance to have our program become a collaborative partner just as soon as the opportunity was made possible 7 years ago.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

- Hammond High Magnet School in Hammond, LA

What would you like to share about yourself?

- Ms. Jean was a 2021 FIRST Woodie Flowers finalist and a founding member of the Northshore STEM Coalition. She continues to encourage and inspire students in our area, with this years total of 97 FIRST Robotics students and 135 HHMS Engineering students.



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Charlene Nichols

Job Title: Children's Librarian

How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP® Community Partner?

I was excited to do something special in 2017 for the 50th anniversary of NASA. I was excited to find out about the program

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

The Alma Reaves Woods Watts Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL)

What would you like to share about yourself?

Before working at LAPL I was an archivist for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). I also won an award for A science fiction short story that was presented to me by Ray Bradbury!





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Tracy Hoffman

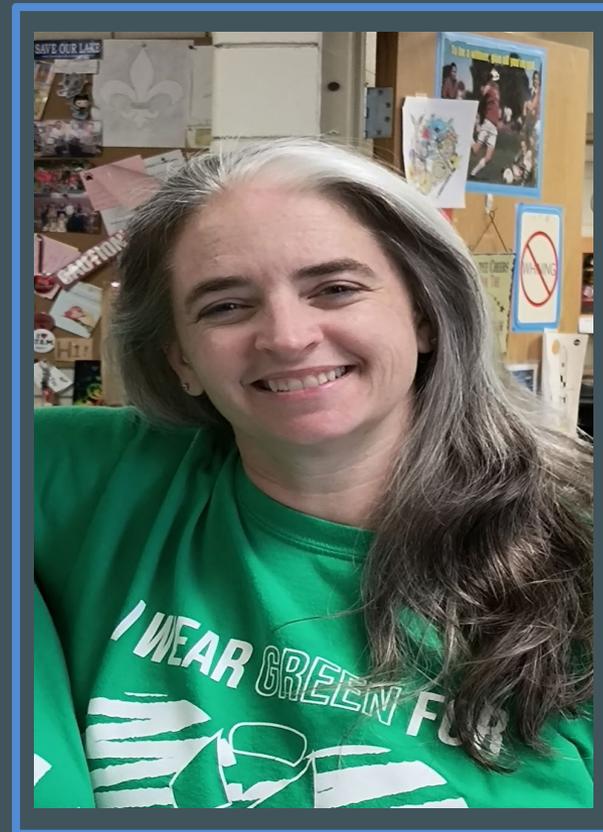


Physical Science Teacher
PLTW: Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering
FIRST FRC Mentor/Coach
FHS RoboDawgs, 2221 & VEX, 6463
Fontainebleau High School

Our team wanted to expand our current summer camp experience to include NASA ASTRO CAMP®.

Our NASA ACCP - Summer Camp program is housed at Fontainebleau High School in Mandeville, LA.

My greatest moments are those when I am able to see my students/team members utilizing the skills learned and passing on that knowledge to others; whether at a competition, outreach event or in the classroom. These moments are the reason for teaching.



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Alicia Fussell



English I, II and Technical Writing Resource Teacher
FIRST FRC Mentor/Coach
FHS RoboDawgs, 2221 & VEX, 6463
Fontainebleau High School

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My greatest moments are those when the RoboDawgs explain a process or something that they created and I understand the concepts. I explain to them that they do a great job in presenting to an English teacher. Another moment that I love is when our former members show appreciation for the skills that I can teach them in communication and presenting. These moments are the reason for teaching.



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Deborah Staber



Job Title: Museum Director

**How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
Community Partner?**

I saw the information online.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

L. C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley, Hinckley, ME

What would you like to share about yourself?

I love sharing natural science information with children.



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Delores Clark



Job Title: Librarian

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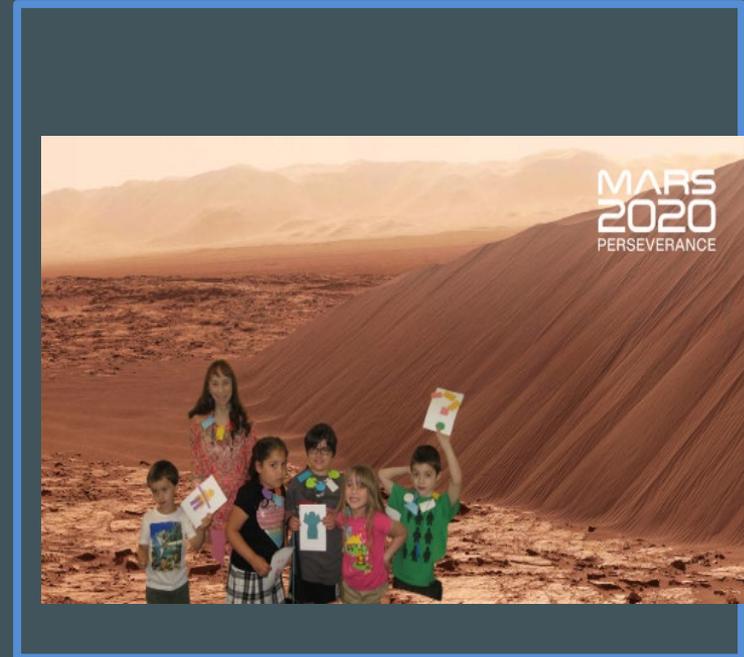
We received the Astro Camp training and decided to have two sessions.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

We have classes at the Public Library for patrons who sign up for the program.

What would you like to share about yourself?

I love science and share my enthusiasm with the students.



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Maureen Davis



Job Title: Science Specialist

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NASA Glenn in Cleveland

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

We are located in Oregon, Ohio.

What would you like to share about yourself?

Hello, I am Maureen Davis . I have been with Challenger Learning Center of Lake Erie West since 2012. At an early age I have had a fascination with space travel, reading science fiction, and loving to learn something new everyday about nature, space, birds and more! At the Challenger Center I equally love working with our team and Glenn Research Center, running simulated missions and assisting during the "emergencies" that kids have to work together to solve. The looks of joy on their faces when they are successful are precious; I do enjoy inspiring students to pursue careers in STEM and in the space industry! When I am not at Challenger you can find me working with preschool children doing vision screenings, working in my gardens, or hanging out at the lake with my family and dogs and probably swimming, boating and fishing with our grandsons.



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Name: Heather Nittianandan

Job Title:

Special Education Teacher

**How did you become a NASA ASTRO CAMP®
Community Partner?**

My friend Morgan told me about the program and I wanted to partner up my school with the program.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Waveland Elementary

What would you like to share about yourself?

I have been a teacher for five years and have two beautiful children who love everything about space. I wanted to bring my passion for space to my students and school.

