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2025 TEACHER APPRECIATION

Name: Morgan Necaie

NASA ACCP Program: Education & Data Specialist w/NASA ACCP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

Motivated by a passion for STEM, education, and expanding access to meaningful opportunities, I became an ACCP Program Educator to help inspire curiosity and connect others to the transformative experiences offered through NASA ACCP.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Seated at NASA's Stennis Space Center in Mississippi, I work with 300+ NASA ACCP sites and programs around the world, helping connect communities to hands-on STEM learning and space exploration.

What would you like to share about yourself?

Outside of my work connecting students and communities to NASA's mission, I'm passionate about spending time outdoors, especially at the beach. I love animals, music, Mardi Gras celebrations, and finding joy and laughter in everyday life. I believe that the same curiosity, creativity, and energy I enjoy in my personal life also fuel my passion for inspiring the next generation of explorers.



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Name: Jessica Halsey

NASA ACCP Program: APW Jr/Sr HS 7th Grade Classes

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

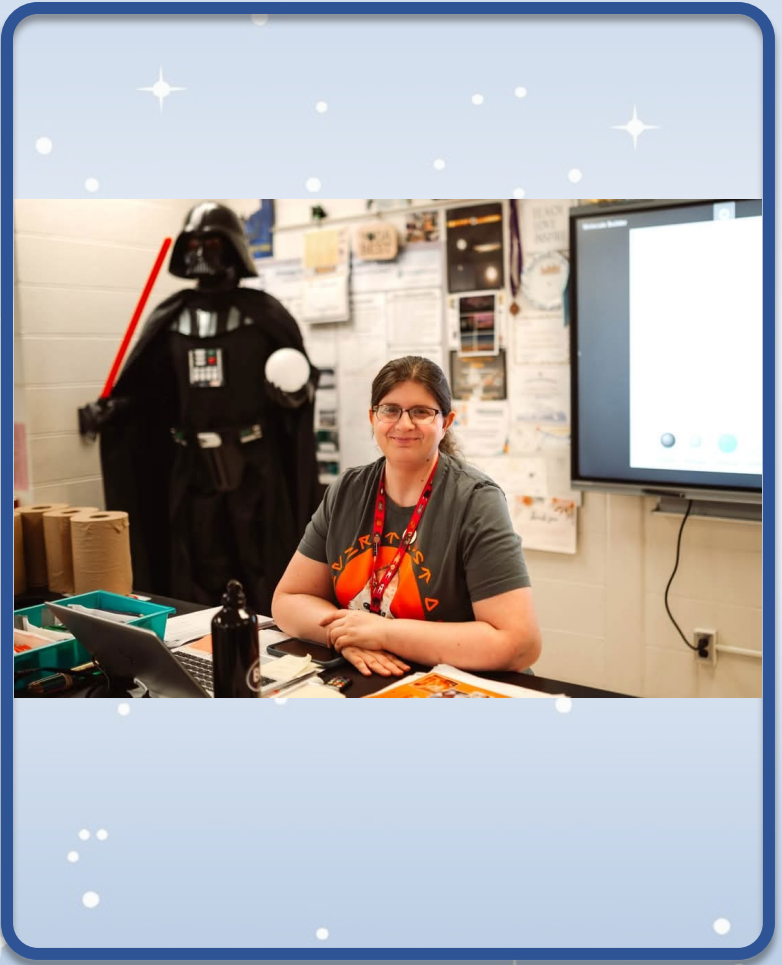
Heard about NASA ACCP through the Rural Educators Network

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Parish, NY

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am a huge Star Wars fan (Happy May the 4th!) and I love to bring my passion for science into the classroom.



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Name: Leigh Hood

NASA ACCP Program: Astro Camp

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

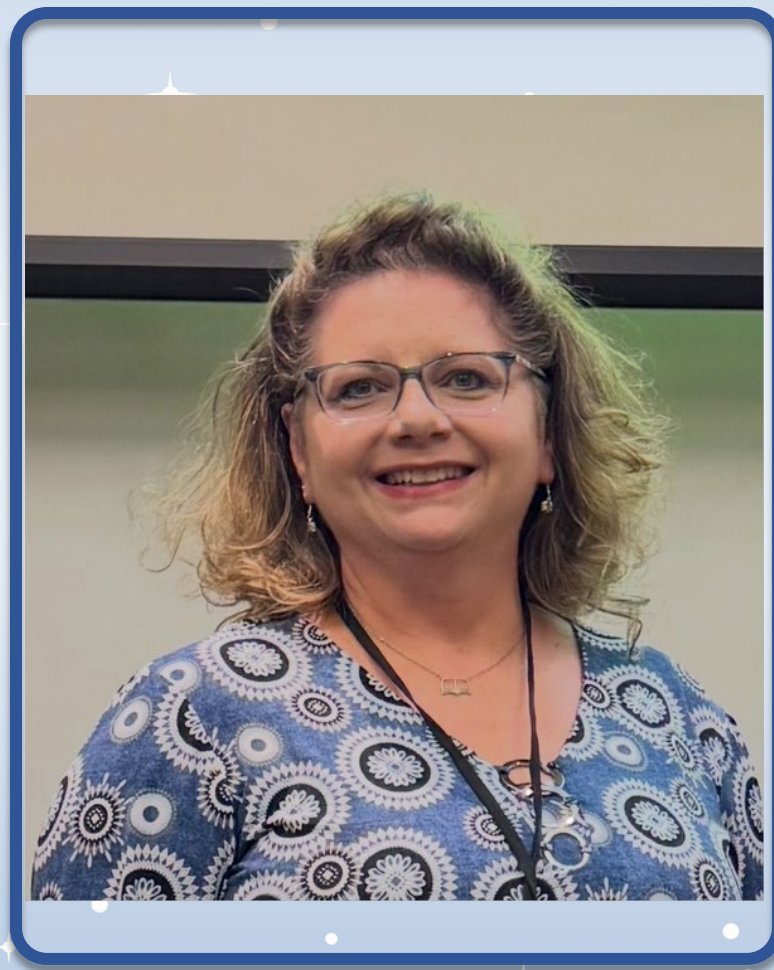
Through a shared email, I became aware of this opportunity to partner with NASA to bring STEM and STEAM programs to our libraries that contain trustworthy information And research.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

With 12 branches in our library system, I have been able to share the NASA programs over four counties in Northeast Mississippi.

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am very excited to share my love of science and space to the participants at our programs. It's always fun to see kids get involved when learning something of interest to them.



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Name: Qiara Epting-Holtzclaw

NASA ACCP Program: JBSA Lackland

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

I became a NASA Astro Camp Educator through my role at work, where I had the opportunity to undergo training and gain access to NASA's educational resources. This experience has been incredibly rewarding, and I'm truly enjoying it. As part of my role, I run a STEAM club where I use hands-on activities and NASA-inspired and NASA lessons to spark curiosity and excitement in students about science, technology, engineering, and space exploration.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

JBSA Lackland

What would you like to share about yourself?

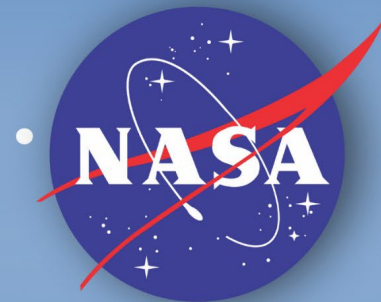
A fun fact about me is that I helped our STEM club secure a real NASA artifact—it was one of the coolest moments of my career, and I love seeing how inspired the youth are. Now I get to say I've handled space history!



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Name: Ernesto Marcelo Rojas Fernandez

NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

The school where I work selected me to be part of the team that would participate in Astrocamp.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

It is located in Cochabamba, Bolivia, at the San Agustin school.

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am a mechatronics engineer with a deep passion for teaching in various areas of the exact sciences and modern technology. My focus is on boosting the creativity and logical reasoning of my students. I specialize in 3D design of parts, circuit development for electronic devices and programming of the same, oriented to the creation of functional prototypes.



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Name: Fernanda Adela Canedo Camacho

NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

Thanks to San Agustín School, I was able to learn about the opportunities and be part of this program.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

San Agustín School, Cochabamba, Bolivia

What would you like to share about yourself?

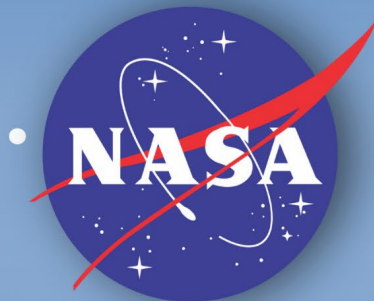
I am an applied linguist in education, and I enjoy teaching and learning in a way that allows students to acquire knowledge of meaningful seafaring, demonstrating that knowledge in products that are practical for society.



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Name: Henry Felipe Villca Zabalaga

NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

I became an educator in NASA's ACCP Program thanks to my passion for the STEM field and my dream of collaborating on projects related to NASA. I have always been motivated by science, technology, and the opportunity to share that enthusiasm with my students. The ACCP program has been a constant source of inspiration, pushing me to improve myself, set new goals, and motivate my students.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Our NASA ACCP site is located at San Agustín School, in the city of Cochabamba, Bolivia. Cochabamba is a beautiful city known for its spring-like climate and rich cultural heritage, and it is a great honor that our school is part of this internationally significant educational program.

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am passionate about teaching and always seeking new ways to achieve more meaningful learning. I believe that effective teaching must be dynamic, creative, and focused on developing competencies, especially in the fields of science and technology through the STEM approach. I enjoy working as part of a team, leading innovative pedagogical practices, and taking on new challenges.



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Name: Marian Davinia Gil Montaña
NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

I became an Educator for NASA's ACCP Program thanks to my passion for teaching STEM subjects in creative and engaging ways. I am always looking for opportunities to connect real-world applications to what students learn in class, and NASA's mission to inspire curiosity and exploration fits perfectly with my teaching philosophy.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

My NASA ACCP site is based in Cochabamba, Bolivia, at San Agustín School, where I work on making science and engineering accessible and exciting for students.

What would you like to share about yourself?

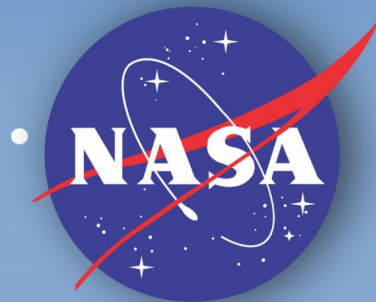
I love designing hands-on projects that combine science, technology, and creativity. I believe that learning should be an adventure where students feel empowered to solve real-world problems while having fun along the way.



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Name: Diego Sejas-Viscarra

NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

Space exploration and astronomy have always been two of my deepest passions. When I was told about the ACCP program, I decided that I definitely wanted to get involved in this initiative. So, I attended the ACCP facilitator meeting and got to work.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

My ACCP is part of San Agustin School, in Cochabamba, Bolivia, widely considered the most prestigious school of the country.

What would you like to share about yourself?

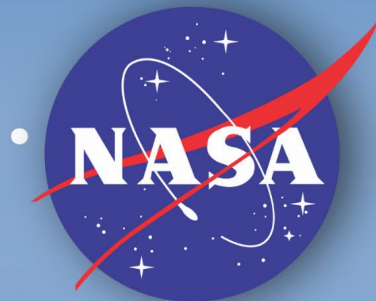
I am a Mathematical Engineer from Bolivia with advanced skills in Analysis, Algebra, and Scientific Computing. Besides working as a Math teacher at San Agustin School, I am an associate researcher at the Satellite Control and Monitoring Center (Universidad Privada Boliviana), where I am working on developing an open-source orbit prediction and simulation software. My research interests include mathematical and computational modeling and simulation, scientific programming, computational science, fractals, and education.



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Name: Alan Muñoz Peñaloza
NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

Committed to educational technology, always at the forefront of innovations that motivate our new generation of students. Every day we learn from our environment, and, thanks to technology, we also learn from others, and what better way to become STEM experts than from NASA. Motivated by all of the above, we became a NASA ACCP Educator.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

In the heart of South America, Cochabamba, Bolivia. San Agustín School – K12.

What would you like to share about yourself?

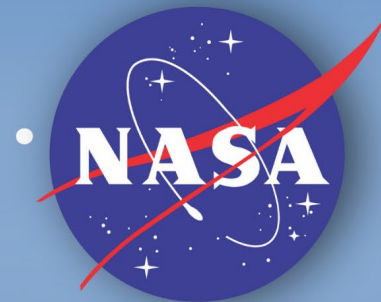
I am an educator at different levels of education, from high school, university, and graduate school, teaching science and training education professionals nationally and internationally. In Latin America and Spanish-speaking countries, it's so difficult every day to innovate in classrooms to keep students engaged. Maintaining motivation to learn science and technology is a challenge in many contexts. That's why it's so helpful to have programs like the NASA ACCP Program, which empowers educators around the world. Thank you for your excellent contribution.



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Name: Selma Adriana Vasquez Barrios
NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

A colleague from the school where I work made the contact so we could participate in this program. The institution then reached out to teachers in the relevant field, and when I was informed about this opportunity, I didn't hesitate to be part of it.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

My ACCP site is at Colegio San Agustín, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

What would you like to share about yourself?

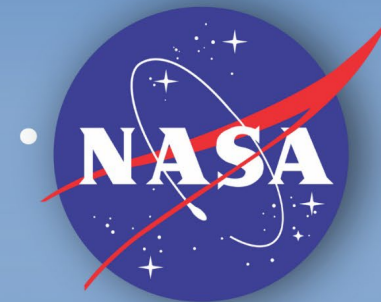
I am a physicist with a background focused on astronomy, a science that has fascinated me since my school years. This early interest turned into a deep desire to keep learning and, over time, a passion for sharing that knowledge. I currently teach Astronomy to 10th-grade students at Colegio San Agustín, with the same enthusiasm and commitment to inspiring a love for this wonderful discipline. Additionally, I conduct research in the fields of Radio Astronomy and Astrometry.



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Name: Fernanda Canedo

NASA ACCP Program: ASTROCAMP

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

Together with the teaching team at San Agustín School, we learned about and accessed this program.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

At San Agustín School in Cochabama, Bolivia.

What would you like to share about yourself?

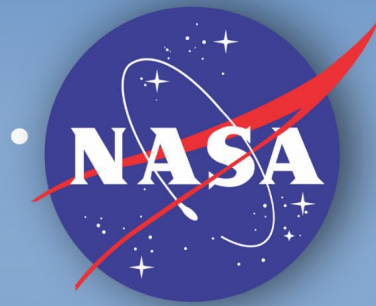
I am an educational scientist, and my years of experience have allowed me to refine my knowledge in this area. I am fascinated by astronomy and life beyond our skies



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Name: Gillian Rabalais

NASA ACCP Program: Cedarwood School

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

I was introduced to this program while at the Children's Museum of St. Tammany. I continued my partnership with NASA ACCP when I became the STEM teacher at Cedarwood School.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Cedarwood School – Mandeville, Louisiana

What would you like to share about yourself?

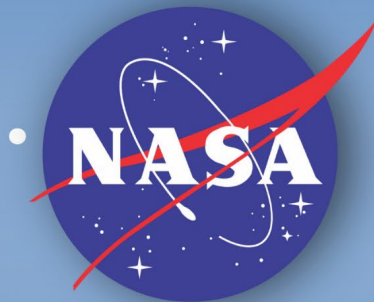
Being a part of NASA's Astro Camp program has been an amazing experience over the last seven years. I have always had a fascination for space science, but as a facilitator it has become a passion. I love sharing the activities with my students and seeing them become empowered and excited to keep learning.



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Name: Jean-Marie Williams

NASA ACCP Program: HHMS Torbotics FRC team 2080

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

Torbotics participated in a Professional Development hosted by NASA ASTRO CAMP and organized by the Northshore STEM Coalition. We've been hooked every since! Our High school students love to help organize and facilitate our Summer Programs every year.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

Hammond High Magnet School in Hammond, LA at the HHMS Torbotics Engineering Shop

What would you like to share about yourself?

I am extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to facilitate our annual NASA ASTRO CAMP alongside my family and some pretty inspiring students at HHMS.

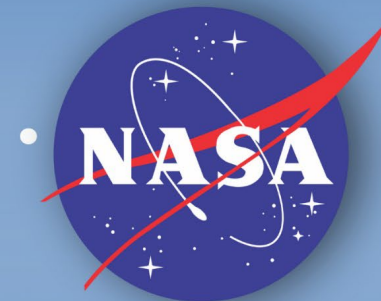


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Name: Patty Mekus

NASA ACCP Program: Southern Heritage Air Foundation

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

We were looking for ways to expand our Educational Programs and in our search for STEM activities related to Aeronautics, we learned about NASA Astro Camp and how We could become a Community Partner.

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

The Southern Heritage Air Foundation Museum located at the Vicksburg-Tallulah Regional Airport. We serve Warren County, MS & Madison Parish, LA.

What would you like to share about yourself?

Encouraging learning in a fun and interactive way is something I believe in. I was one Of those kids that needed to be challenged and enjoyed hands on learning, myself.



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Name: SHAHNAAZ OJHA

NASA ACCP Program:

How did you become a NASA ACCP Program Educator?

AS I ENJOY STUDENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN LEARNING NEW WAYS OF GAINING KNOWLEDGE, HANDS ON STEM LEARNING

Where is the location of your NASA ACCP site?

VARANASI, NASHIK, LAVA NAGPUR HINJAWADI INDIA

What would you like to share about yourself?

LEAD COLLABORATOR FOR NASA ACCP CAMP

SDG COORDINATOR AND GLOBAL COLLABORATOR
SOCIAL SCIENCE ,POLITICAL SCIENCE EDUCATOR AT DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL LAVA
NAGPUR INDIA



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