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California Innovation Corridor Aerospace Community Development Program



The California Space Education & Workforce Institute (CSEWI) will be offering several exciting opportunities for aerospace professionals to help attract young people to careers in aerospace via “aerospace community development” activities.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITES

Aerospace Outreach Speakers — Let students know what you do and how you got there as an Aerospace Outreach Speaker. As we get requests from teachers and students (focus is on 8th grade and above), we could match you with an event to attend and talk.

- Commitment: Varies (depends on amount of requests we get from teachers/students, our ability to match them with a speaker who can discuss the topic they wish to hear about, and finally the speaker’s availability).
- How it works: You will be contacted and asked to fill out a form with your contact information, time availability (e.g. evenings and weekends), regional availability (e.g. South Bay region), and topics you are comfortable speaking about (e.g. how you got your job, to what it’s like working at your company, to GPS navigation or orbital mechanics.)
- Once you’re in our database, you’ll be contacted if we find an event that seems like a good match based on your survey response. Please note that we will *not* commit you to any event unless you *explicitly* agree to it. If you’re interested we will help you contact the school and set-up your talk.
- Benefits to you: As an Aerospace Outreach Speaker you will be providing pivotal community service to young people and that’s something you can feel good about. Numerous studies show that in making their career choices, guidance from a professional is a strong influence on a student’s career path. Additionally, you will develop public speaking skills that are valuable for any professional.

Aerospace E-Mentor — Correspond with a student aspiring to work in the aerospace industry using an Internet-based matching service. Based on an on-line survey that both students and mentors fill out, we’ll match you with a student, and after introductions and general discussion of expectations, you and your student will be able to communicate via e-mail.

- Commitment: On average, about 20 minutes, once a week. The amount of time you spend responding to your student’s e-mails is strictly up to you, but mentors must commit to one correspondence a week.
- How it works: You will be contacted to fill out a survey on a range of questions intended to help match you with a student. A background check may occur. From there you will be matched with a student from a California school. You will then go through a set of instructions on expectations of a mentor (e.g. responding at least once a week, maintain a positive attitude, etc.) From there you and your student will be introduced (electronically) and the amount of your correspondences are at yours and your student’s discretion.
- Benefits to you: You will provide invaluable advice and guidance to a young person’s career path, and that’s something to feel great about. And who knows, you may learn new things about yourself in the process!

**For more information about these programs, please contact: Daphne Dador at daphne.dador@csewi.org or 626-440-0565.
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