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Dear High School Educators:

This letter is to inform 11th grade students of an opportunity that could lead to a week at NASA's Johnson Space Center this summer.

NASA High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) is a unique program that encourages high school juniors from across Texas to explore the vast opportunities awaiting them in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Today's workforce suffers from a shortage in these areas, but with your help we can work to improve the nation's pipeline.

HAS begins with an interactive, online learning experience and culminates in an all-expenses-paid visit to Johnson during the summer. During the week-long visit, student teams work with NASA scientists and engineers to compete in hands-on design challenges and design an Artemis themed mission to Moon and Mars. HAS is a great opportunity for juniors to explore the opportunities available to them, especially if they have an aptitude in STEM. School districts may also choose to allow students to receive a high school science elective credit towards graduation upon successful completion of the activity. Students who attend the onsite experience also receive information on scholarship and internship opportunities.

Over 11,000 students across the state of Texas have participated in HAS thanks to the State of Texas and various community organizations who partner with NASA to support HAS. State senators and representatives from each district administer the selection process and ensure representation from around Texas. HAS provides lodging, meals, and transportation to and from Johnson, at no cost to the student.


How can you help?

- Please encourage students at your school to apply for the activity by visiting www.nasa.gov/has. You will find a downloadable poster and videos to spread the word to classrooms about this unique opportunity!
- Get the word out to students on the morning announcements, in parent newsletters, in the school newspaper, and on your school's social media channels using the hashtag **#NASAHAS!**
- Spread the word to fellow teachers to recommend it to their students.

In addition, Texas certified educators serve as reviewers for our online course and as a HAS counselor during the summer. You can find information on these positions at:

<https://nas.okstate.edu/has/educators/>. If you have any questions, please contact us at jsc-has@mail.nasa.gov. Thank you for your support!

Cordially,


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Enclosure