

WAS WASHINGTON AEROSPACE SCHOLARS

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Principal Wanda Riley
Bethel High School
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Spanaway, WA 98387

Dear Principal Riley:

After a third successful year of Washington Aerospace Scholars, I would like to invite juniors from Bethel High School to apply for the Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) program. WAS encourages students from across Washington State to explore the challenges and opportunities awaiting them in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Through this program, we will not only help students explore career options, but also address the national shortage in these fields.

Washington Aerospace Scholars provides students opportunities to study a NASA-designed curriculum, work with professional engineers and scientists, visit engineering facilities, and compete in hands-on engineering challenges. From January to May, accepted students will complete a series of web-based lessons centering on the history and future of space exploration. Select students will be invited to Seattle for a six-day residential experience hosted by the Museum of Flight in June or July. During this summer residency, students will design a human mission to Mars under the guidance of professional scientists and engineers. WAS is a chance for high school juniors to discover the opportunities available to them, especially if they have an aptitude for math or science.

We are also seeking educators from throughout the state to serve as counselors to the summer residency experience. Selected teachers receive stipends and are eligible for clock hours. **I invite you to encourage math and science teachers in your school to visit our website for a counselor application:** www.museumofflight.org/washingtonaerospacescholars.

There is no cost for participation in WAS. The Washington Aerospace Scholars Foundation has been supported by generous grants from The Boeing Company, the Aldarra Foundation, Battelle, Microsoft, and individual donors. This allows Washington Aerospace Scholars to provide all program expenses (including travel, meals and lodging) to participants free of charge. Additionally, the Museum of Flight, NASA, the Office of the Governor, Washington State Legislators, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction are partners in the program.

Enclosed you will find a WAS student application and a poster. **Thank you for assisting us in sharing this opportunity with juniors in your school.** Student applications are due by November 6, 2009, and may also be downloaded from our website: www.museumofflight.org/washingtonaerospacescholars. Please send inquiries to waaerospacescholars@museumofflight.org or call 206-764-5866.

Sincerely,



Bonnie J. Dunbar, PhD
President and CEO



Enclosures