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Press Release

NASA Nebraska Space Grant and Space Foundation Offer Teacher Space Seminar and Student Tours at the Strategic Space Symposium

Omaha, NE, November 2nd-4th, 2009:

The Strategic Space Symposium was held at the Qwest Center Omaha, November 2nd-4th, 2009. This event offered space and defense professionals an opportunity for education, interactive discussion, and exposure to the latest space operations technologies. Co-sponsored by the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) and the Space Foundation.

The NASA Nebraska Space grant office worked closely with the Space Foundation to provide a Teacher Space Seminar and student tours. The Teacher Space Seminar welcomed 70 teachers from across Nebraska to the seminar. The teachers learned about resources to help them bring space into the classroom from the Space Foundation, Lockheed Martin, and the NASA Nebraska Space Grant (N-NSG). The seminar was held in conjunction with the Strategic Space Symposium. The seminar involved a comprehensive look at space-related teaching tools and events the Space Foundation, Lockheed Martin, and N-NSG provide to help teachers strengthen lesson planning, classroom performance, and student interest in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The seminar also included an opportunity to listen to a leading space leader talking about trends and developments in the space community and how those changes affect education. A tour of the AMERICOM Government Services Exhibit Center also included education presentations at the N-NSGC booth.

More than 300 high school and middle schools students toured high-tech space exhibits and learned about opportunities and resources within space grant for internships and fellowship. The goal of this program was to encourage students to consider STEM fields when deciding on higher education majors.

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