



# LEWIS CENTER POST



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## INTERSTELLAR TALKS IN SPACE!

On January 31st, 2022, the Lewis Center for Educational Research had the opportunity to engage with astronauts in an out-of-this-world conversation, literally!

Ten students, from each Lewis Center school, Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE) in Apple Valley, and Norton Science and Language Academy (NSLA) in San Bernardino, were selected to participate in live communication with NASA astronaut Thomas Marshburn aboard the International Space Station (ISS) through the Amateur Radio International Space Station (ARISS) program.

"Just like anything, it was an experiment in space," explained President/CEO of the Lewis Center, Lisa Lamb. "Nobody has ever done it quite like us; we connected to 116 classrooms in two different cities through this contact." From transitional kindergarten (TK) through 12th grade, 2500 Lewis Center students watched the interaction between their classmates and Astronaut Marshburn.

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## **AAE BECAME ONE OF 10 IN THE NATION TO LAUNCH SPACE FORCE JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM**

by Jisela Corona

The Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE), proved yet again, that the sky is NOT the limit, as they reached for the stars through the nation's first-ever Space Force JROTC program.

**Only one of ten in the nation. First in California.  
Only charter in the world!**

AAE, a Lewis Center school, hosted an Activation Ceremony on January 18th, 2022 as they converted their Air Force JROTC unit into one of the Nation's inaugural Space Force JROTC units. Once activated, AAE officially became a pioneer in the US Space Force program, the first Space Force unit in California, and the first Charter school in the World to introduce Space Force!

Marking the beginning of a new era, the event began with the deactivation of AAE's Air Force JROTC unit and donned the Space Force flag as they complete the Space Force Activation Ceremony.

On December 20, 2019, the Space Force Military Unit was formed "to conduct global space operations that enhance the way our joint and coalition forces fight, while also offering decision-makers military options to achieve national objectives," according to the official website. Air Force Junior ROTC units around the country were evaluated for schools worthy of the transition into the Space Force ROTC unit. The unit is currently run by the Senior Space Science Instructor, (ret.) Colonel George Armstrong III and Space Science Instructor, (ret.) Master Sergeant Harold Padua.

[Read HD Daily News article HERE](#)



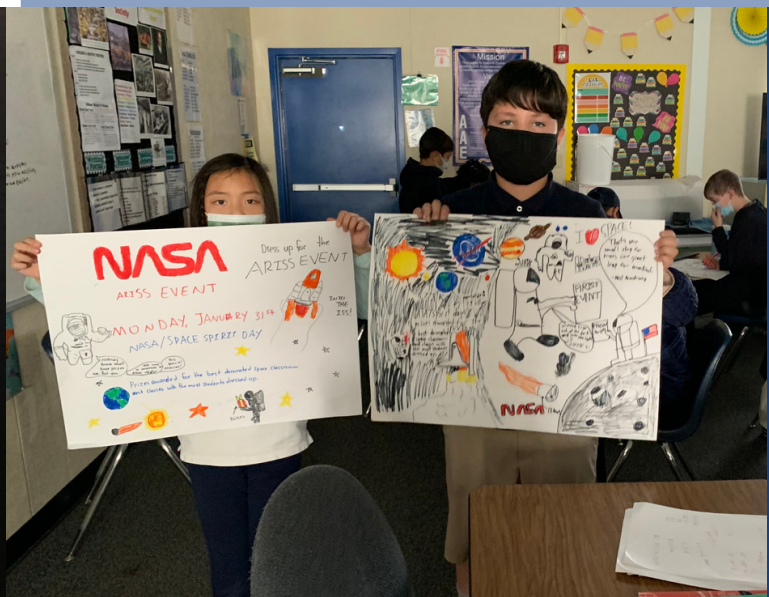
# ARISS CONTACT WITH LEWIS CENTER STUDENTS

by Jisela Corona

In January, Lewis Center students joined together to speak to an International Space Station (ISS) astronaut in Space! As if speaking to one astronaut wasn't cool enough, after the contact connection ended with the ISS, students at AAE and NSLA participated in an exclusive "Q&A" session with Daniel M. Tani, a retired NASA astronaut and engineer.

In a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Lewis Center students spoke to two astronauts back-to-back, one retired and one currently active in space, an opportunity no other school has had!

**[Read HD Daily News article HERE](#)**



## NSLA Rocket, Brooklyn Santibanez, mesmerizes people with her art!

Fourth grader Brooklyn Santibanez was featured along with her amazing art in this San Bernardino Sun article!

Brooklyn's art was on display at the San Bernardino Festival of the Arts, and we couldn't be more excited!

[Read full San Bernardino Sun article HERE](#)



## NSLA Alum, Seth Johnson recognized as National Athletic Star

We are always excited to see what our alumni are up to these days! See Seth Johnson's accomplishments as a top athletic star in our nation. Seth was a Rocket from kindergarten through eighth grade! Way to go, Seth!



Seth's tied for 12th in the nation in the high jump, fourth in California in the 110-meter hurdles and he finished second in the long jump at last year's Southern Section Division I championships.

[Watch IEMG VIDEO HERE!](#)

[Read LA Times article HERE](#)



## Blood Drive hosted by Lewis Center Ambassadors

by Cameron Pachman

AAE had the pleasure of hosting another blood drive on March 2nd, 2022 coordinated by our Ambassadors. Students, faculty, and community members had the opportunity to help people who needed life-saving blood transfusions. This blood drive resulted in a large number of contributions! Patients require blood to survive operations, cancer treatments, chronic diseases, and catastrophic traumas



One person's kind gift is the catalyst for this life-saving care. The demand for blood is never-ending. We're honored to be a part of this life-saving effort!

## Mr. Knight 2022

by Matthew Miura

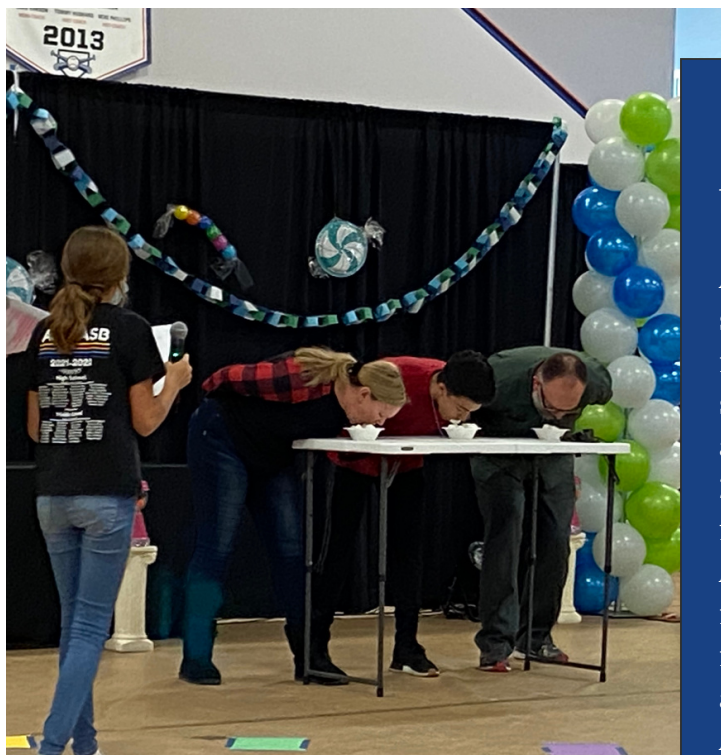
On February 25, 2022, 14 Senior boys at AAE volunteered to perform their talents to show off their amazing talents at the Ambassadors' annual event! Friday night before homecoming, the senior boys bravely stood in front of their peers and spoke a comedy sketch, played their favorite instrument, or even sang their heart out.



Pictured from left to right are Charles Floyd and Alijah Selvin.

Kindergarten through 12th-grade student, Alijah Selvin won the title of "Mr. Knight" and our hearts as he sang, danced, and overachieved during his performances. Charles Floyd, who played the drums, won People's Choice! These senior students performed an amazing and entertaining Mr. Knight for the people of AAE!

# ASB



## AAE ASB

by Cameron Pachman

AAE ASB has had an abundance of success thus far in 2022. With a prolific number of events and fundraisers, ASB started 2022 with a tailgate, pep rally, and a Homecoming dance with over 250 attendees. Through various fundraisers and with the help of our AAE families, ASB has been able to raise money to fund these events. ASB is also incredibly excited to host Junior and Senior Prom on May 7. Additionally, students have been able to dress up for various spirit days such as Space Day, Circus Day, Read Across America Day, and many more.

## NSLA ASB

by Jisela Corona

For Read Across America, ASB decorated the campus and every morning greeted students and handed out items (bookmarks, stickers, color pages, bouncy balls) to encourage them to read. ASB also were guest readers in our TK - 3rd classrooms and gifted each class the book they read to them which was "Have You Filled A Bucket Today?" with the message of spreading kindness.

ASB also decorated the campus for St. Patrick's Day, including posters with Irish blessings. On St. Patrick's Day they handed out small gift bags with small chocolate coins, stickers, and a small note letting students know how lucky we are to have them at NSLA.







## DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY! ENROLLING 6TH-10TH GRADE!

Norton Science and Language Academy (NSLA) is an award-winning charter school operated by the Lewis Center for Educational Research. NSLA will expand to 10th grade during the 2022-2023 school year, adding a grade level each year.

NSLA's secondary course offerings build upon the elementary 90/10 Spanish Dual Immersion program with an emphasis on World Languages and STEM. **Our classes are A-G approved, including: AP/Honors classes, Spanish, Robotics, Mandarin, Computer Science, and more!**

NSLA's mission is to ensure learning for a diverse and often underserved population of students who will be college and career ready as a result of our safe and rigorous bilingual, biliterate, and multicultural education. With this expansion, NSLA will continue to uphold its motto of **Creating Global Citizens** and be able to benefit more students for generations to come!

Click **[HERE](#)** to submit an Enrollment Interest Application today!





## COOL KIDS CAMPAIGN

### Elementary Shade Structure Fundraiser

Parents are partnering with **AAE** to provide much needed shade structures over the TK-2 playground areas. Your donation will help ensure the health/safety of the children.

**DONATE TODAY!**



## LEAVE YOUR LEGACY!

### Commemorative Brick Campaign

Leave your mark on one or both of our campuses! Forever show that you are an avid supporter of the Lewis Center and its schools by sponsoring a brick for the entryway to our gyms at both campuses. This is your chance to have your favorite quote, your name, or the name of a friend or family member etched into beautiful brick pavers. Personalized bricks make great permanent and meaningful gifts and are a great way to recognize families, students, alumni, your business, and your legacy.



*Sponsored by the Lewis Center's Foundation, a non-profit fundraising organization. The proceeds from this Brick Drive will help to support our schools' capital campaigns.*

## FUNDS FOR FUN

### Elementary Playground Fundraiser

We will fund more fun! **NSLA** is partnering with our Foundation Board to provide an elementary playground for our little Rockets! Help us "slide" right into a new playground!

**DONATE TODAY!**



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## AAE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

AAE high school students have welcomed in two exchange students: Richard Guzman of Bolivia and Sofia Agostini of Italy.

## ENGINEERS' DAY AT NSLA

Engineers' Day was a success! Our Rockets learned more about the various careers that STEM and Engineering can offer you! We can't wait to see how many future engineers we inspire today. Middle schools students had the opportunity to rotate in groups exploring everything from civil engineering to mechanical engineering.

Special thanks to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and Women in Transportation (WTS) for partnering with us on this event!



## PRESIDENT/CEO'S MESSAGE



### PRESIDENT/CEO, LISA LAMB

I am proud to say the Lewis Center has had a wonderful year so far. Every day our students are participating in phenomenal programs and activities like our ARISS Contact, SFJROTC Activation, Engineering Day at NSLA and Educational and Charter School Advocacy in Sacramento with our Ambassadors and legislators. We are looking forward to spring and our many end-of-year events.

## NSLA PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### NSLA PRINCIPAL, FAUSTO BARRAGAN

It's been a great year and we were off to a fantastic start with our ARISS contact. Listening in as our students have that once-in-a-lifetime experience, there's nothing like it. Our students and staff never cease to amaze me and I feel very excited for what's to come!

## AAE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### AAE PRINCIPAL, VALLI ANDREASEN

As we get closer to the end of this school year, I am reminded again how blessed we are to have had some normalcy return to our students, especially our seniors. Events like Prom and Grad Night are a must and we get to enjoy them this year!

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