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Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE) will have one of the first ever Space Force JROTC programs in the entire nation!

Beginning this fall, they will make the full transition and introduce an entirely new curriculum. Soon, our cadets will be known as the "Guardians", and we can't wait!

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MARS ROVER LANDING!

by Jisela Corona



The Lewis Center was red with excitement for the Mars Rover Entry Descent Landing (EDL). Lewis Center students and staff, at both AAE and NSLA, participated in Mars-themed activities and snacking as they awaited the historical landing of the Mars Rover, Perseverance!

An AAE student was even featured on national television during the livestream. AAE student Landon Applegate sent in a question that was answered by the Administrator of NASA, Steve Jurczyk! So cool! [Please watch full video and article HERE.](#)

MRS. RITTER NAMED 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Amy Ritter was selected as the 8th Congressional District's outstanding Teacher of the Month by Congressman Jay Obernolte. Amy Ritter is our beloved Global and Local Programs Lead Instructor for the Lewis Center. In this role, she supports our elementary and secondary teachers with STEM programming. Mrs. Ritter also develops GAVRT curriculum to be used by teachers around the world.

She is known far and wide in the High Desert and Inland Empire for her hard work and dedication to students. Mrs. Ritter has managed to keep students interested and engaged in space science and engineering amidst the struggles of the pandemic. [Please read full article HERE.](#)



AAE JROTC CHOSEN FOR SPACE FORCE!

BY JISELA CORONA

You heard right!-- AAE is officially converting to Space Force! The Academy for Academic Excellence's Air Force JROTC program will soon become part of the Space Force's Inaugural Cohort of JROTC units.

Only the best school programs were selected based on their proximity to space bases or facilities, and of course having exceptional aerospace instructors like our very own Colonel Armstrong and MSgt. Padua!

There will be an official ceremony in the fall commemorating yet another historical event here at AAE. Details about the curriculum and program are yet to be determined.

**"We're still going to do the general things we do every day. Uniforms will change slightly, but for now we are just pioneers!"
- Colonel Armstrong**

[Read full article HERE.](#)

[Want more? Read our other article HERE.](#)



DISTRICT SUPERVISOR PAUL COOK PRESENTS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

As soon as First District Supervisor Colonel Paul Cook (ret.) got word of AAE's newly formed Space Force JROTC, he made sure to drop by to congratulate and present Colonel Armstrong and MSgt. Padua and the cadets with a Certificate of Recognition for such an outstanding achievement. This is an extreme honor, and we can't wait to see the amazing things our cadets, or Guardians as they will be dubbed, will accomplish!

[Watch full video HERE.](#)



ALL GRADE LEVELS RETURN!

By Brianna Tran

After months of distance learning, both schools brought back all grade levels and transitioned to four day in-person instruction.

Students eagerly walked onto campus as staff guided them to class and helped them follow guidelines for social distancing. AAE 5th grade student, Sebastian Ramirez, who was able to return in February said, "I liked it from the beginning because it's easier to do work and stay focused. I liked seeing all my teachers and friends".

We know how important it is for our students to be on campus engaging with staff and other students. We are so excited to have the majority of our students back on campus 4 days per week and look forward to having them back 5 days per week in the fall!

[Watch our NSLA students' return to 4 days/week HERE.](#)



Welcome back!!!



LEWIS CENTER WINS NASA ROSES GRANT

On March 18th, the Lewis Center received the NASA Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES) award, a national grant of \$80,000.

The Lewis Center was reviewed and selected by a panel of professional scientists. We will use this Citizen Science Seed Funding to build out GAVRT's Solar Patrol Campaign.

"We are excited and look forward to watching our Solar Patrol program expand...", said President/CEO Lisa Lamb, "Solar Patrol is an exciting new program that will allow GAVRT students the opportunity to work directly with mentor scientists to study the Sun and space weather. We will be collaborating with scientists from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Goldstone, Southwest Research Institute, and JPL."



STAFF HIGHLIGHT: COL. GEORGE ARMSTRONG

by Melissa Mangold

In 2007, during the month of February, Colonel began sending black history facts in an email to all staff. The emails remained an internal effort for many years. Colonel wanted his peers to "learn a fact they never knew before". He has continued his efforts for the past 14 years and will continue for as long as he can.

Colonel's efforts have been recognized by many community leaders and Lewis Center staff over the years. One of Colonel's favorite black history quotes is "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." by Maya Angelou.

AAE Blood Drive On-Site

By Brianna Tran

This year especially, hospitals are in need of blood and supply has been lower than ever. Lifestream has been working hard to provide blood to hospitals, and our AAE Ambassadors partnered with them to continue to host our annual blood drive. Spreading the word, our LCER families and the public came on campus to donate blood in Lifestream's Bloodmobile.

We had lots of donors come in to save lives. Donors received snacks and a free shirt for donating!

Join us for our next on-site Blood Drive on April 28, 2021 from the hours of 10am to 3pm.

Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment or visit lstream.org.



**Blood Drive
April 28th!**

NSLA Class Adopts COW!

By Audrey Mayoros

Recently, Ms. Wagenhoffer of NSLA had the opportunity to have her class adopt a dairy cow as a part of the Adopt A Cow Program.

With the adoption, her class will now be able to watch the calf, Buttercup, grow, and receive updates on her health, and learn the importance of her role on the farm.

Ms. Wagenhoffer and her class are so excited to watch Buttercup grow and learn from her! Thank you to the Dairy Education Program, Dairy Excellence Foundation, and the Discovery Dairy team for this wonderful opportunity.



Norton Science & Language Academy

A Lewis Center School

Now Accepting Enrollment Applications!

For the 2021 - 2022 School Year

**Grade Levels
TK - Grade 9**

Spanish Dual Immersion

World Language

Science - STEM

Technology

Virtual Public Lottery
Thursday, May 13, 2021
4:00 pm

Applicants will be emailed an invitation to the Lottery with further details

Application Submission Deadline
May 12, 2021

For more information contact us at:
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Enroll-NSLA@lcer.org

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Current NSLA Students Do Not Need to Re-enroll

School Website
nsla.lewiscenter.org

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DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY! NORTON ENROLLING TK-9TH GRADE!!!

Norton Science and Language Academy has a new campus in the works and will be ready this August 2021! As we expand from a TK-8 to a TK-12 school, we are accepting applications for TK-9th grade!

Our Secondary Programs will be second to none as our 6th-9th graders will have the option of two pathways: Dual Immersion Spanish or World Languages.

We welcome all students and families to apply today and join us for our Enrollment Lottery that will be taking place virtually on **May 13, 2021**.

To get quick and ready access to our enrollment application click [HERE](#).



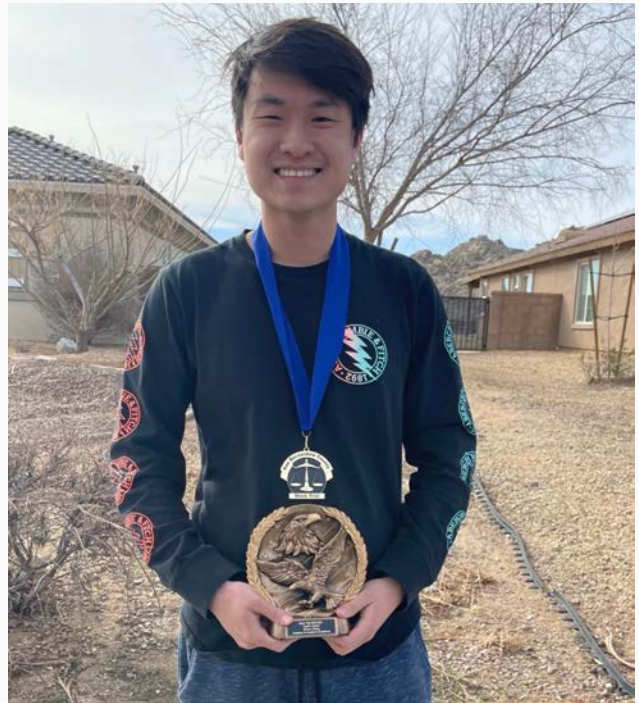
ADOPT-A-SENIOR

BY AUDREY MAYOROS

In February, AAE staff had the opportunity to 'adopt' an AAE senior. Due to the pandemic, AAE seniors have had an uneventful and far from normal senior year, and to offer some positivity and encouragement to our seniors, we had each of them be 'adopted' by a staff member.

AAE senior Paola Balderas had this to say about her "Adopt-A-Senior" experience, "I'm very grateful that Mrs. Klopping has 'adopted' me. The sweet gifts and messages have made me feel important and special during these hard times."

In addition to regularly receiving emails checking in and offering them some positivity, seniors may receive letters, gifts, and other goodies mailed to their homes by their "adopters", to make their senior year just a little brighter.



MOCK TRIAL AWARDS

BY AUDREY MAYOROS

This year, the awards ceremony was virtual, but no less special. Three members of the AAE Mock Trial team took home awards, an amazing feat considering they were up against all other Mock Trial participants in the county! We'd like to congratulate Winson Cheng on earning his Outstanding Defense Attorney and Coach's award, Apple Cheung on her Outstanding Prosecution Witness award, and Jackson Gormley on his Outstanding Clerk award.

Team captain Winson Cheng had this to say about winning these awards for his final year in Mock Trial, "I feel honored to be recognized by both Mr. Henderson and skilled attorneys across San Bernardino County."

Congratulations, Knights, on another successful Mock Trial season!



PRESIDENT/CEO LISA LAMB RECALLS HER FIRST MLK DAY EXPERIENCE

by Brianna Tran

Every February, we participate in Black History Month to celebrate African American history and accomplishments. While we learn and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. in schools every year, there was a time when it was a debated topic and not celebrated in certain states. Our very own Mrs. Lamb lived in one of those states that did not recognize MLK Day.

As a high school senior in Arizona, she witnessed the criticism the country had against Arizona. Protests around Arizona happened to convince officials to celebrate MLK Day. Mrs. Lamb's ASB teacher, an "ex-hippie," told his students he would join the movement for MLK Day to be recognized.

Inspired, Mrs. Lamb and her friend, Sunshine, organized a schoolwide protest where all the students would walk out after lunch. The entire school walked out and protested for Arizona to change. Local media outlets, newspapers, and even MTV, featured this monumental student protest. Unfortunately, Mrs. Lamb and Sunshine were sent to the office with Sunshine being suspended and Mrs. Lamb being put up for expulsion as the ringleader of the protest.

However due to the high media coverage, the president of the NAACP called the superintendent and warned the school to not expel Mrs. Lamb for her efforts to recognize MLK Day. The school decided against the expulsion and Mrs. Lamb was put on a 1 day suspension with probation and served Saturday School for the remainder of the year.

Because of Mrs. Lamb's passion for MLK Day and history, her teacher pushed her to teach lessons on it during Saturday School. Mrs. Lamb would teach lessons about MLK and Black history, inspiring her to enter the teaching path to teach others about the importance of equality and change for a better life.



Mrs. Lamb as a high school senior leading the protest.

PRESIDENT/CEO'S MESSAGE



PRESIDENT/CEO, LISA LAMB

"We are grateful for our staff, students and families who have endured so much change this year and are still working together to meet the needs of our students. We look forward to returning to a full 5 day schedule in the fall and taking everything we have learned this year to build an even stronger educational environment for our students!"

NSLA PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



NSLA PRINCIPAL, FAUSTO BARRAGAN

"I want to thank our NSLA families for their commitment to being part of our community. I am so proud of the teaching staff at NSLA and want to recognize them for their efforts to transition into different learning phases. I look forward to many new opportunities at NSLA!"

AAE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



AAE PRINCIPAL, VALLI ANDREASEN

"AAE has much to celebrate. Most importantly, we have returned grades TK-12 to in-person instruction. Another source of pride is our AFJORTC that is one of the first ten inaugural units to convert their affiliation from the Air Force to the Space Force!"

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