



# LEWIS CENTER POST



LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

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## NSLA Campus Grand Opening

## NORTON SCIENCE & LANGUAGE ACADEMY OPENING SOON!

Norton Science and Language Academy's Grand Opening is set for Sept. 2nd! This expansion to a TK-12 will build upon our elementary 90/10 Dual Immersion program with an emphasis on World Languages and STEM.

Our new NSLA campus sits on 18 acres and includes classrooms for grades TK-12, a multipurpose room, a media center with Mission Control, science labs, athletic fields and playgrounds. We're ready for the new school year AND high school!

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## Norton Science and Language Academy Grand Opening (CONT.)

Come early September, the Rocket family will have a brand-new, state-of-the-art campus allowing us to expand from a TK-8 to a TK-9 campus. Eventually, NSLA will add a grade level each year until we are a TK-12 institution! The new campus is so large and impressive, it is often mistaken for a junior college.



As mentioned before, there will be a multipurpose room with both an indoor/outdoor stage, a media center with a Mission Control room where the students can interact with and learn from NASA scientists, multiple science labs for our STEM focused education, large, grassy athletic fields for our secondary sports, and playgrounds and play areas for our students to enjoy recreational activities.

There is already construction underway to build a gymnasium as the second phase of Norton's expansion comes into play. The groundbreaking for the Gym is expected in mid-to-late November.

## NSLA student, Maximillian Goodly wins GOLD at SB County Science and Engineering Fair

Having been a Rocket since Kindergarten, Maximillian Goodly has always been a hardcore science enthusiast. As Max regularly competes in science fairs, it's no surprise when he wins gold at the San Bernardino County Science and Engineering Fair. However, he is now in the running to win a Broadcom MASTERS award!

### NEW NSLA ADMIN.

As the new school year quickly approaches, we have our administrative team at NSLA ready! Meet our new Vice Principal, Mr. Humberto Ramos and our PTO President, Mrs. Jessica Rodriguez!

[Watch VIDEO HERE!](#)

The Broadcom Foundation works with the Society for Science in identifying the top 10% of middle school science projects and honoring their creators with awards and recognition. On Sept. 1st, we will know if Max's project, "To Seed, or Not to Seed", will be in the top 300. Congratulations, Max! We are so excited and proud either way!



[Read full article HERE.](#)





## The Lewis Center Foundation presents: 2021 Annual Gala

The Lewis Center Foundation works hard each year to host events and fundraisers ranging from social media campaigns to annual black-tie galas to support the Lewis Center through their LCER Employee Recognition Program, AAE and NSLA Capital Campaigns, student scholarships, and more!

Most recently, the Foundation has raised over \$26,000 from our High Desert Regional Golf Tournament. Alongside the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation hosted this local tournament earning over \$52,000 altogether.

The Foundation has raised money in order to establish shade for the new MPR at the AAE campus and has funds set aside to fulfill student needs as they arise at the new NSLA campus.

If you or someone you know is interested in supporting the Lewis Center by joining the Foundation team, please [CLICK HERE](#). You can also show your support by registering or donating to our Back to the Future Gala at [lcergala.givesmart.com](http://lcergala.givesmart.com)!

## Starring Rick Piercy

Founder, Lewis Center for  
Educational Research

## In Tribute to the late honorable Jerry Lewis

U.S. House of Representatives  
(ret.)



High Desert Regional Golf Tournament participants playing a round of golf.

# IN MEMORY OF JERRY LEWIS

STATEMENT BY LISA LAMB, PRESIDENT/CEO

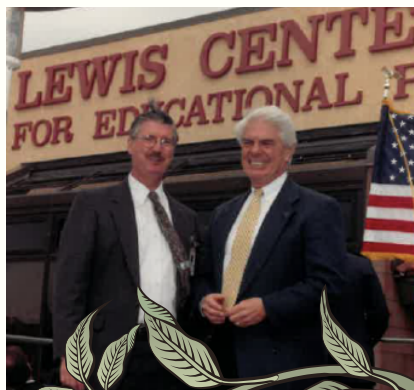
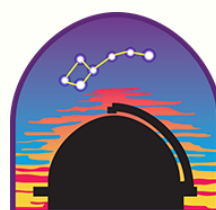
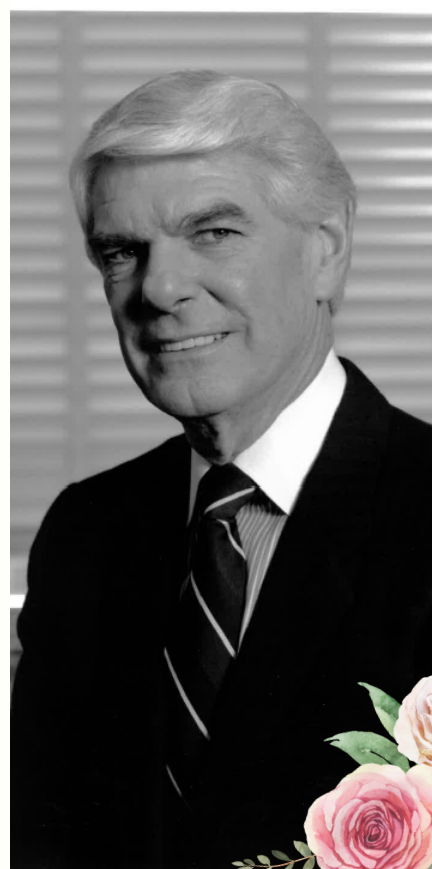
We are saddened to hear of the passing of Congressman Jerry Lewis (ret). Congressman Lewis has been integral to the success of the Lewis Center for Educational Research from the beginning. As a result of his advocacy and support, the Lewis Center has grown from a small Science and Technology Center to the organization it is today. His support is directly responsible for the development of the Luz Observatory, the GAVRT Partnership with NASA/JPL, and both of our distinguished charter schools, Academy for Academic Excellence and Norton Science and Language Academy. Since 1990, our schools and programs have served tens of thousands of students throughout San Bernardino County and around the world. For this reason, our organization was renamed in his honor in 1998. Congressman Lewis' advocacy for the students served in High Desert, Inland Empire and beyond is unparalleled. **His legacy will always be alive at the Lewis Center through the successes of our students.**

Please follow [this link](#) to watch a short documentary wherein Congressman Lewis shares about his involvement at the Lewis Center.

Hear from Rick Piercy and Jerry Lewis himself about their involvement in creating the Lewis Center [HERE](#).

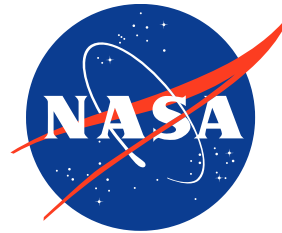
THE LEWIS FAMILY HAS GENEROUSLY REQUESTED THAT DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN CONGRESSMAN LEWIS' HONOR TO THE LEWIS CENTER FOUNDATION.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE.](#)





# NASA in Your Neighborhood



Join us as Dr. Brian Day and Dr. Joseph Minafra from NASA's Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute give us a tour of the Apollo landing sites, information on future missions of the Artemis program, and a chance to preview our new targeted sites of exploration on the Moon.

Fifty years ago, astronauts of NASA's Apollo program were exploring the surface of the Moon, revolutionizing our understanding of the Moon and Earth, and inspiring generations to come. Today, we are on the verge of a sustained return to the Moon with new robotic and human missions to the lunar surface scheduled to begin this next year.

To learn more about Dr. Day and Dr. Minafra, click on the links below.



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On September 11, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 PM at our AAE campus, Dr. Day and Dr. Minafra will take us on a tour of the Apollo landing sites, recounting why they were chosen, what made them so interesting, and what we learned from them. We will then look ahead to the missions of the Artemis program and get a preview of our new targeted sites of exploration on the Moon. Dr. Day and Dr. Minafra will also introduce you to online NASA tools you can use at home or in school to access data from lunar missions and conduct your own lunar explorations.

**To reserve your seat, send your RSVP in today by emailing [jcorona@lcer.org](mailto:jcorona@lcer.org) with the subject: "NASA in Your Neighborhood RSVP".**

Click [HERE](#) for a sneak peak of some of the tools we'll learn to use!





## Lewis Center's Special Education Program Selected as NASET Exceptional Charter School in Special Education!

The Lewis Center's Special Education program has been selected as a NASET Exceptional Charter School in Special Education! This is the highest honor a charter school can achieve through our professional association.

The recognition is bestowed on charter schools that meet rigorous professional criteria and have demonstrated truly exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education. We are so proud of our Special Education team. We truly have the best staff!

Check out the link to the list [\*\*HERE!\*\*](#)

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### Staff Spotlight

Congratulations to our AAE 12th grade English teacher, Charlotte Wilmeth-Street! She has been elected Vice-President of the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) California State Organization. DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.





BACK TO SCHOOL  
ON  
SEPT. 7TH!

## DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY! ENROLLING 6TH-9TH GRADE!

Norton Science and Language Academy (NSLA) is an award-winning charter school operated by the Lewis Center for Educational Research. NSLA will launch its expansion to high school during the 2021-2022 school year and will serve transitional kindergarten through ninth grade, adding a grade level each year.

NSLA's secondary course offerings build upon our 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!**

Our 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!





## LUIS VERA CROWNED AAE 2020-2021 MR. KNIGHT!

by Brianna Tran

Nine AAE seniors competed on June 2nd to win the title of Mr. Knight. With talents ranging from performing musical instruments to having skits, our contestants blew everyone away with their performances. After seeing many spectacular acts, the people voted for their favorite while the judges deliberated for the contestant who would be Mr. Knight.

After the polls went out, Jeremiah Haymond (right) went on to become the People's Choice.

After much deliberation from the guest judges, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Greif, and Mrs. Gesson, the 2021 Mr. Knight was... Luis Vera (left)! We were so proud of all our seniors and so excited to be able to host a senior event for the 20-21 school year.

## 9/11 VIDEO COMMEMORATION

This school year, we will not host a public 9/11 event as we have done in the past. With that being said, we will still invite the public to share photos and videos displaying their patriotism or shout outs to local first responders.

The video will be similar to that of last year and will be sure to include the participation of many community leaders and residents.

If you are interested in participating through social media, please use #everydaypatriot #HDFirstresponder and #beagoodneighbor when posting your patriotic photo/video. You can also email your media to jcorona@lcer.org by 9/10/21 to participate.



**#EVERYDAYPATRIOT  
#BEAGOODNEIGHBOR  
#HDFIRSTRESPONDER**



# AAE SPACE SCIENCE CLASS

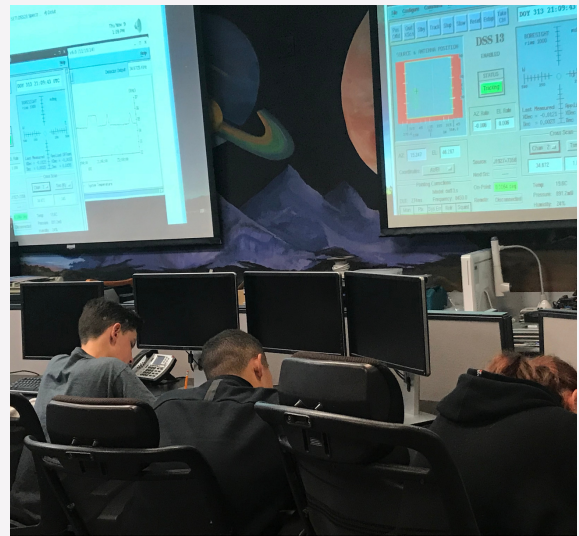
by Sarine Krikorian

Since the beginning of the Lewis Center, we have made it our mission to bring the most innovative and unique programs to our students.

The Space Science program conducts various tests and observations, and at times even assisting NASA. The main goal of the class is to train students to be proficient Radio Telescope Operators in the Goldstone Apple Valley Radio Telescope (GAVRT) program by participating in real-life space missions and gathering data for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory division of NASA. This year alone, they've observed numerous astronomical events, such as the Lunar Eclipse and the ISS observations.

Most recently, these students have attended and assisted the training and landing of the Mars Perseverance Rover Mission. Students participate weekly in the missions, gathering data, which is directly used by JPL. Currently, they are working on analysis of SETI frames, which means they analyze different sky frames where the telescope has pointed at a particular segment of our Milky Way galaxy searching for possible radio signals from space sources. This information is sent to Dr. Steve Levin at JPL for further analysis.

Fun fact: according to Mrs. Gaidzik, when she began teaching this class; there were rarely if ever, girls in the class. Today, the girls-to-boys ratio is approximately 2-to-1. More female students are taking the initiative to join the class and gain valuable information and experience only available at the Lewis Center. Along with Ms. Debbie Gaidzik and Ms. Nancy Kreuser-Jenkins, senior student Jennifer Weis assists the class as a GAVRT Intern. The three of these wonderful ladies guide the class and show the growing rate of women in STEM industries. Space Science is an ever-growing field, and one of the best places to learn more is right here at the Lewis Center.



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## PRESIDENT/CEO'S MESSAGE



### PRESIDENT/CEO, LISA LAMB

"We're excited to welcome our students back for the 21-22 school year! We will celebrate many milestones including our brand new NSLA campus with our first freshman class, AAE's inaugural year of Space Force Junior ROTC, and the opportunity for both schools to talk to astronauts on the ISS during our ARISS downlink. I am looking forward to a year of learning, engagement, and support for all!"

## NSLA PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### NSLA PRINCIPAL, FAUSTO BARRAGAN

"I am honored to start this journey with our Rockets on our new NSLA campus. We ask you to continue being committed to supporting the vision of creating global citizens at NSLA and we accept the challenge to keep education at the forefront for generations to come!"

## AAE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### AAE PRINCIPAL, VALLI ANDREASEN

"We're so pleased to have our students back in-person where students learn best. Our focus will be on health and safety, student well-being, and academic acceleration as students return to the classroom for the 21-22 school year. Thank you for partnering with us to build back even stronger after the pandemic."

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