GO FOR LAUNCH!

MIDLAND

LOCATION: GODDARD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - MIDLAND

LEARN FROM ASTRONAUTS AND OTHERS
COMPETE TO HAVE YOUR IDEAS LAUNCHED INTO SPACE
EXPLORE AND DISCOVER

GO FOR LAUNCH! FALL 2026 MIDLAND TEXAS

OCTOBER 6-7, 2026

INCLUDES LUNCH, SNACKS, DRINKS, SUPPLIES, T-SHIRT, EVENT MISSION PATCH, SPACE SWAG BAG AND MORE!

STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12 FROM EVERYWHERE WELCOME AND MUST ATTEND THE FULL DAY EACH DAY OF THE EVENT. 8AM-6PM EACH DAY

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TEAMWORK COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP MATH SCIENCE ENGINEERING

THE ASTRONAUT

Dr. Rick Linnehan

Dr. Rick Linnehan is a NASA astronaut and veterinarian who flew on four Space Shuttle missions, logging more than 59 days in space and completing seven spacewalks.

During his NASA career, he helped conduct critical research and construction missions in space, including work on the International Space Station. A passionate advocate for STEM education, Dr. Linnehan inspires the next generation to explore, innovate, and reach for the stars.

MICHELLE LUCAS
FOUNDER & CEO
HIGHER ORBITS

Michelle spent 10 years working at NASA primarily in International Space Station (ISS) Flight Control Operations Planning and as an Astronaut Instructor in the Daily Operations Group. Her passion for inspiring students led to extensive work with other organizations in STEM outreach. She then decided to form Higher Orbits to continue to work to inspire students about the wonders of STEM through spaceflight.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Learn about human spaceflight directly from experts in the fields of space & STEM including:

- An Astronaut and Astronaut Instructor
- International Space Station Flight Controller
- Scientists and Engineers

Get personalized insight and feedback from experienced space and STEM professionals whose goals are to illustrate the numerous possibilities that exist in the world of STEM. Work with a real live astronaut for each day of the event.

WHAT IS IT?

A program that uses Space Exploration as a platform to launch student involvement in:

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math)
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Leadership

ARE THERE HANDS ON ACTIVITIES?

Student teams will work together on collaborative activities before or after nearly every talk to earn daily awards. Each team will work together to define and design their own space experiment & present their ideas to a panel of judges from the Space & STEM fields. The judges will choose a winner from each ***Go For Launch!*** event. The experiment will go on to compete against other projects from the same division and the winning experiment will be launched into space!

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Go For Launch! is a unique and memorable experience. Space inspires! The ***Go For Launch!*** experience gives students experience and skills that can lead to success in any venture that requires imagination, leadership, teamwork, and problem solving skills.

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