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Promising Programs & Practices (P³)

A monthly info session for, and by, the National NASA Space Grant Community

April 2023 Session: **Monday, 04/10/2023 @ 3 pm Eastern**

“Successfully Engaging with Underrepresented Communities”

Presented by Angie Verissimo, Indiana Space Grant & Mary Lara, Northern Arizona University, Arizona Space Grant Affiliate

Join this session to hear from Space Grant staff in Indiana & Arizona who are engaging with populations traditionally underrepresented in STEM and often overlooked in best practice sessions for DEIA.



Angie Verissimo is the Operations Manager for Indiana Space Grant Consortium. She has 13 years with Space Grant, and 20-years' experience in finance for major industries. She utilizes these assets in building state and national collaborations for students, industries, educators and partners. Angie particularly seeks cultivating relationships for Diversity,

Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) students and partners. She has overseen the planning and implementation of many outreach events bringing a strong focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for K-12. Angie is an entrepreneur and on various local and national boards. Angie Verissimo will be sharing about her collaborations with the Indianapolis School for the Blind, (ISB), Near Space Launch Foundation Balloon Launches and Tactile Engineering collaborations for the 2024 Solar Eclipse the students will be participating in.



Mary Lara retired from the Flagstaff Unified School district after 37 years. She has a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education and a Masters degree in Elementary Education. She is the AIMER coordinator for Northern Arizona University Space Grant. The American Indian Mobile Educational resources (AIMER) (NAU/NASA Space Grant, Department of Astronomy and Planetary Science) provides

hands-on lessons/activities to teach STEM topics to pre-college Native American students at K-12 schools, mainly on rural Indian reservations in Arizona and New Mexico. For K-8 schools, AIMER provides Family Science Night Activities, which are self-directed and allow parents and students to experience STEM concepts together. AIMER also provides telescopes for community evening star parties. Additionally, AIMER participates in outreach events such as STEM or Science festivals. Mary will be speaking about her role as AIMER Coordinator.

Program Agenda

- 3:00 pm EST: Icebreaker/Announcements
- 3:10 pm EST: Presentation with Q&A
- 4:00 pm EST: Open discussion

Zoom Info

- [Meeting Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 968 1107 4149
- Password: 335923

About P³: Promising Programs & Practices is a monthly info session organized by the Space Grant Communications Working Group. On the second Monday of each month we will feature promising programs or practices from members of the National Space Grant community. Affiliates are welcome/encouraged to attend. Slides and videos of past presentations are posted to web here: <https://laspace.lsu.edu/promising-programs-practices-p3/>. To volunteer to speak at a session or help plan a future session contact Colleen (colleenf@lsu.edu) and Michelle (macoe@arizona.edu).