Promising Programs & Practices (P³)
A monthly infosession for, and by, the National Space Grant Community

April 2023 Session Featuring:
Angie Verissimo, Indiana Space Grant Consortium &
Mary Lara, Northern Arizona University, Arizona Space Grant Affiliate
Successfully Engaging
with Underrepresented Communities

Hosted by the Space Grant Communications Working Group
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April 10, 2023
Communications WG Updates

New Space Grant Website
Scott Tarry: Plans for rebuilding the website (https://national.spacegrant.org/) are on hold while some details are being sorted out. When planning ramps back up, the Ex-Comm plans to include our working group in development.

Inside Space Grant – NASA Web Page
Tomas Gonzalez-Torres: was unfamiliar with the page (https://www.nasa.gov/spacegrant/inside-space-grant.html), but he concurs it is a valuable resource, and he intends to reboot it. FYI, Tomas added that it was good timing for us to let him know, because NASA is undergoing a web modernization process and he will request this page be included in the updates.

Monthly Webinars
Tomas Gonzalez-Torres: Special Topics Monthly Webinars are back on track beginning with the session on Tuesday, April 25th at 2pm EDT (email sent by Frank McDonald on 3/21). Tomas says they intend to offer these sessions at least monthly with two sessions a month, if merited.
Intent
Allow community members a dedicated space and time to share promising programs and practices with the greater space grant community.

Format
• 2nd Monday each month at 3 pm Eastern (60-90 min)
  • Zoom Meeting
  • 3:00 pm: Ice breaker/Announcements
  • 3:10 pm: Featured Presentation with Q&A *(recorded)*
  • 4:00 pm: General Discussion
Summary of Participation:

- 37 Unique Attendees
- 26 Jurisdictions
- 95 min total meeting time
- 67 min average time on per attendee
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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.
April is Stress Awareness Month

Honoring our mental health is crucial. Let yourself be GREAT!

Developed by Dr. Krystal Lewis, a licensed clinical psychologist at NIMH

Gratitude
Relaxation
Exercise
Acknowledge feelings
Track thoughts
Be GREAT

Practicing Gratitude: Ways to Improve Positivity (https://tinyurl.com/NIHGratitude)

Gratitude Tip: Relive the good times. Relive positive moments later by thinking about them or sharing them with others.

Icebreaker Prompt:
Name someone in the chat box that you are grateful to; verbally tell us why.