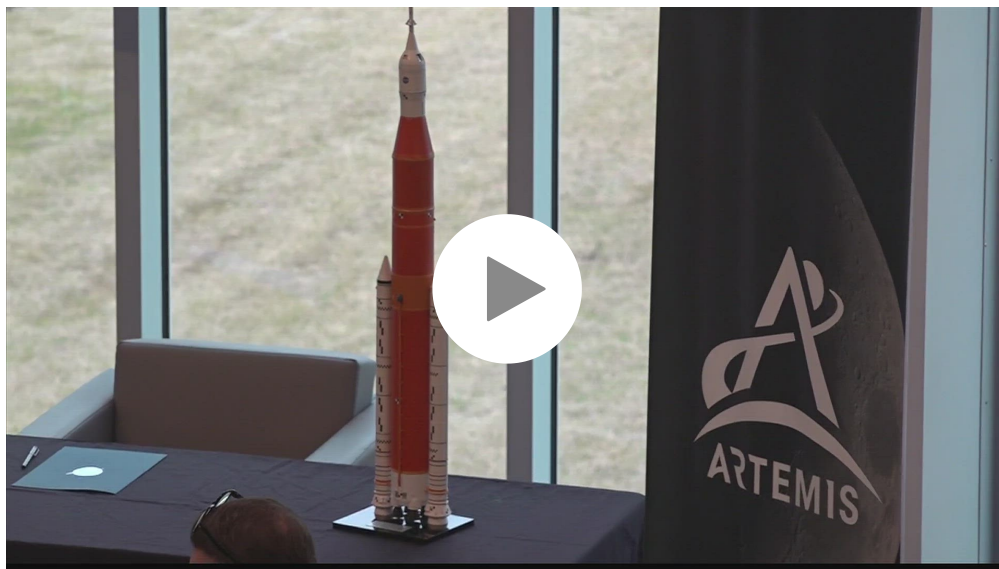


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ASCTE & NASA to collaborate in an effort to spearhead advancement in aerospace engineering and workforce development

ASCTE is one of three residential, public magnet high schools serving students in Alabama and is the only public high school nationwide to offer this program.



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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — [NASA](#) is still feeling the excitement from yesterday's announcement. "We're going to fly around the moon, we're going to land on the moon but we're doing it differently this time," Joseph Pelfrey, Deputy Director at Marshall Space Flight Center shares. "We're doing it with a demographic and crew that represents who we are today as a country and a community with the first woman and first person of color."

[The Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering](#) (ASCTE) announced an official partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). As ASCTE's newest Partner in Education, this partnership will create and advance opportunities for ASCTE students to gain knowledge and experiences that drive innovation in the cyber and aerospace industries. "The NASA folk are just as excited, if not more so, than our kids in this partnership, in

this connection they are going to be able to experience together," Matt Masey, ASCTE's President shares.

Both institutions will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a framework for cooperation between NASA and ASCTE. As outlined in the MOU, ASCTE students will have the opportunity to collaborate with NASA— giving them access to NASA's state-of-the-art facilities, research programs, and pathways into established internship programs.

Programs that students like Chase Watson are looking forward to. "You can ask anyone here, student or faculty, NASA my favorite, I even wore my NASA socks today," Watson shares. "I went from my free time making papier-mâché models of spacecrafts and paper roller coasters and all these different contraptions to actually coming here and putting that creative mind to use."

This partnership reflects ASCTE's commitment to providing students with a comprehensive education that transcends the classroom and aligns some of Alabama's most promising students with the resources, experience, and mentorship needed to secure tomorrow's prosperity.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with NASA," Massey shares. "This partnership is a result of several years of conversation reinforcing our commitment to ensuring high levels of relevant and practical learning for ASCTE students. We are confident that our students will benefit immensely from this program, and we are excited to see how this partnership will shape the future of cyber in aerospace engineering."

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