

HCTC Student Survey

Spring 2009

A recent survey of current HCTC students showed that:

- 82.6% of students that had attended middle school in HCTC's service area visited the Challenger Center with their school
- 32 % of those students said their Challenger visit was also their first visit to HCTC
- 100% of those students said that they were excited by their Challenger Learning Center experience
- 63% described the experience as motivational and 21 % described it as inspirational.
- When asked "How did it inspire or motivate you?" responses included:
 - Just gave me a bigger and better sense of the universe, just that there's more out there than what we see.
 - It was a very long time ago and I don't remember my exact feelings. I remember that I was very interested in space and wanted to become an astronaut.
 - It made me realize that I would like to go to space.
 - It motivated me to work with others as a team.
 - The challenger center made it feel like even if i wanted to go to outer space i could do it if i put my head into. It made me feel like i could do what ever in life that i wanted to do.
 - The mission was challenging, which made me think on my own and act independently.
 - I was very excited about all the things there is too learn about Mars. Also learning about other planets amazed me to.
 - It helped me to see that learning can be fun.
 - The experience motivated me to want to become more involved in space and science.
 - It was fun? I did both missions, by the way. You should probably put that as an option.
 - I found it fun and new. Just something out of the ordinary.
 - I had never really liked learning about outer space before this time in my life. It let me know what it was like out there and my role at the center made me feel important.
 - I really learned a lot this day about becoming a team player. It has motivated me to collaborate with my peers and coworkers more often.
 - I was actually both inspired and motivated. I got to attend both missions, one in sixth and then one in 8th grade. It really opened my eyes to how small I am compared to the rest of the universe and that there is so much left to learn
 - It Motivated me by showing I could do anything I set my mind to.
 - It was just a lot of fun and so I was motivated to do good and school and so on.
 - I motivated me to work more as a team. It really showed us that if you didn't work together, you wouldn't get the job done.
 - I loved that I got to do some things that were done in space.
 - I didn't get to go to the Challenger Learning Center until I was in college, but when i did it was one of the most inspirational experience I have ever had..The realism of the center was amazing. I have been trying so hard to be apart of it any way I can, with the student work program. If you or any one you know could help I would be so grateful.

- Other terms used were fun, informational, intensive, worthwhile, educational, and awesome. One commented that on their way home they decided that they must become an astronaut. (nursing major)
- 58% of the responders said their Challenger experience influenced them to pursue higher education
- When asked how it influenced them their answers were:
 - It really turned me on to computers and made me choose my major
 - The atmosphere, the people, teachers and how well the campus is. Most of all how the teachers knew their stuff.
 - In the 5th grade, it made me actually want to become an astronaut and made me feel like if I could help with a mission I could do ANYTHING in the world.
 - By making me be more involved in astronomy than i was.
 - It made me realize that there's so much to learn and made me want to learn as much as possible!
 - It made me realize that even around this small town, you can still have big dreams.
 - I would love to go in space
 - It made me realize that any decent job requires a college education.
 - It influenced me to get an education so I could get a good job doing something I would enjoy.
 - I discovered how interesting science was and how interesting jobs that you had to train for were.
 - It made me realize that learning was fun.
 - Yes because i learned you need a higher education to be well equipped for a job in technology
 - It helped me to see I can do whatever I want with my life.

Majors of students who listed them:

- Nursing 3
- Education 3
- Human Services 2
- Undecided 2
- Accting 1
- Pre-Med 1
- Biology 1
- PT 1
- Dental Hygiene 1
- Med IT 1
- IT 1
- Diesel Tech 1