TIME COMMITMENT:
Totaling up to 25 volunteer hours from January to June 2021:

- **Mentor Training** (2 hours)
- **MPA Reception** (1 hour)
- **Mission Launch Events** (2 hrs)
  - Monthly (total of five)
- **Flex Friday** (3 hours)
  - 1x; includes discussion prep
- **Miscellaneous** (1 hour)
  - Questions, Admin, etc.

HOW TO APPLY:
- Complete the online MPA Mentor application by January 23, 2021
- Commit to the entirety of the program; January to June 2021
- Complete the MPA Mentor Training in January 2021

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Mentors are not just volunteers they are essential to our village; their enthusiasm, kind spirits, and expertise create a welcoming environment that celebrates identity and further encourages the next generation of STEM professionals. Our mentors are extraordinary examples of success; eagerly sharing their love for airplanes and space, careers paths, and providing valuable insight—students rely on them for guidance, motivation, and emotional support.

Through our mentors, we reinforce that our scholars are worthy and capable of achieving success! We look forward to seeing these students grow and become gainfully employed.

With participation in **(5) Mission Launch events** and facilitating **(1) Flex Friday** group discussion, our mentors help foster community! During monthly Mission Launch events mentors enthusiastically greet students, answer questions, assist with classroom tasks, and provide cheer! During Flex Friday meetings mentors are individually assigned an hour with scholars to showcase who they are and answer questions specifically about their career. **Support and training to work with youth is provided.**
The Museum of Flight has planned around the health and safety of our students, staff, and volunteers. In response to the pandemic, the 2021 implementation of the Michael P. Anderson Memorial Aerospace Program will connect families to aviation solely through online programming. By leveraging expertise, resources, and partnerships we have developed a high energy and highly engaging experience! Scholars will grow their proficiency in aviation and awareness about the careers within.

Targeting 150 underserved middle school students, scholars are assigned a monthly ‘Do It Yourself’ activity, partake in Mission Launch events, build relationships with mentors and are given clues that helps solve a mystery.

The experience will:

- Increase understanding of aerospace-related course and career pathways
- Enhance confidence in STEM-related topics
- Enhance confidence with online learning platforms
- Develop understanding of resources including access BASL high school programs
- Celebrate diversity and the contributions of black, indigenous, and people of color within aviation and STEM
- Further develop the relationship with parents and/or guardians to increase their understanding of career pathways, resources, and post-secondary options in aviation & aerospace

Mission Launch Events

Inspirational? Check! Motivating? Check! Surprising? Check! Check! Experience learning like you never seen before! During a two-hour exclusive, we welcome students to the aerospace industry and teach the ropes to a career in space, flight, or engineering. Opening acts, hands-on activities, and behind-the-scenes access. Mentors will assist with enthusiastically greeting students, answering questions, classroom task, and providing cheer.

// Duration: 3 hours, Prep: none

Flex Fridays

“Life takes off when fear is left on the ground!” They did it and so will you! MPA students meet their mentors, learn about the games they play and the jobs they slay during this themed kick back! Students will bring their snacks, their questions, and have fun as we unpack the many routes to success. Mentors will build community through choosing an amusing theme for scholars to wear, bring, or say! Mentors will create an experience that includes an enjoyable ice breaker activity and creatively talk about their career path and hobbies. The goal of this activity is to humanize your role, connect to students, and sneak in learning. Sillyness welcomed! Group discussions welcomed! Support for lesson planning is provided.

// Duration: 1 hour, Prep: 2 hours (up to)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 23: Application Deadline
January TBD: Mentor Training
February 13: Mission Launch (1-3pm)
February 19: Flex Friday* (6-7pm)
March 6: Mission Launch (1-3pm)
March 19: Flex Friday (6-7pm)
April 3: Mission Launch (1-3pm)
April 23: Flex Friday (6-7pm)
May 8: Mission Launch (1-3pm)
May 21: Flex Friday (6-7pm)
June 5: Mission Launch (1-3pm)
June 11: Flex Friday (6-7pm)
June 15: Goodbye

*Mentors are assigned (1) Flex Friday; mentors are not required to participate in all Flex Friday events

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