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Honors Core to Visit the Challenger Space Center

The Challenger Space Center is pleased to announce that the Honors Core from Greenway Middle School will participate in the To Be An Astronaut Program on this Thursday at 12:30p.m.

The Honors Core is a multicultural diversity alternative gifted program. Sixth graders from four feeder schools of Greenway Middle School are chosen based on their scores of a nonverbal/spatial gifted test. The Honors Core program meets the needs of these students through differentiated and brain-based strategies.

These gifted students will take part in ten hands-on experiences to enhance their understanding of what it takes for an astronaut to live and work in space. Their experience also includes teambuilding activities that are used by real astronauts, and is specially designed to meet educational standards for 3rd - 10th grade science. Students will receive an extension lesson to take back to the classroom upon completion of the program.

The Challenger Space Center, the northwest Valley's premiere space-science education facility, is the first Smithsonian Institution affiliate in greater Phoenix. Along with being voted a West Valley Treasure by WESTMARC, the Challenger Space Center has been honored with the following awards: 2003 Best Place to See Stars, *The New Times*; 2002 Best Science Lesson from the *Arizona Republic*; and 2002 First Place Best of the West Award for K-12 Education for the Smithsonian Education Conference. The Challenger Space Center is conveniently located at 21170 North 83rd Avenue, north of Union Hills, just off Loop 101, with easy access to and from the entire metropolitan area. Information: www.azchallenger.org or call 623.322.2001.

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