

The Ad Astra Kansas Initiative

Kansas Space Grant Consortium
affiliate member since 2003

2001—Founding of AAKI by grassroots group of citizens and educators.

2002—The AD ASTRA KANSAS News—a newsletter focusing on high-tech / space-tech R&D, commercialization and education is launched.

2003—Governor's proclamation of an Ad Astra Kansas Day is granted. Event held at Washburn University, Topeka.

Affiliate membership in KSGC

2004—2nd annual AAK Day held at Washburn. Speaker: Dr. Steve Hawley.

Outreach of statewide student poster contest. Winning school receives a presentation from the Kansas Cosmosphere.

2005—Governor's proclamation. Third annual AAK Day held at Washburn. Speaker: Dr. Trevor Sorensen of KU.

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2006—4th annual AAK Day. Display recognizing current science work / research in Kansas is situated in the rotunda of the state Capitol building. Twenty entities contribute materials.

2007—Participation in Kansas Day at the Capitol. Third governor's proclamation granted.

AAK website introduced.

2008—AAK Day display at Exploration Place, Wichita. The theme is "Getting off the planet—Kansas Style" and features Kansans who have space connections.

2009—Fourth governor's proclamation granted. Galaxy forum held.

For more info on the Ad Astra Kansas Initiative, call 620-669-8558, or view us online at www.adastra-ks.org

Galaxy Forum Kansas

21st century education—Get to know our Place in the Universe

The Galaxy Forum Kansas is eighth in a series of national/international forums looking to enrich science education by raising awareness of our Milky Way Galaxy and our connection to it. Sponsored by the Ad Astra Kansas Initiative.



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Kansas Astronomical Observers, Wichita
"Our Place in the Milky Way"



[Mike Ford](#)

NASA Fermi-GLAST educator

"The Monster in the Middle—How we study galaxies' black holes"



[Steve Durst](#)

International Lunar Observatory Assn

"ILO Galaxy First Light Imaging"



PANEL DISCUSSION on advancing / enhancing science education in Kansas



Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center

1100 N. Plum, Hutchinson, KS

August 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Professional development credit available



Additional Stellar Event—2 p.m.

Astronaut presentation at the Cosmosphere marking the 25th anniversary of the maiden launch of Space Shuttle Discovery. Free/open to the public. Presented by the Cosmosphere.

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