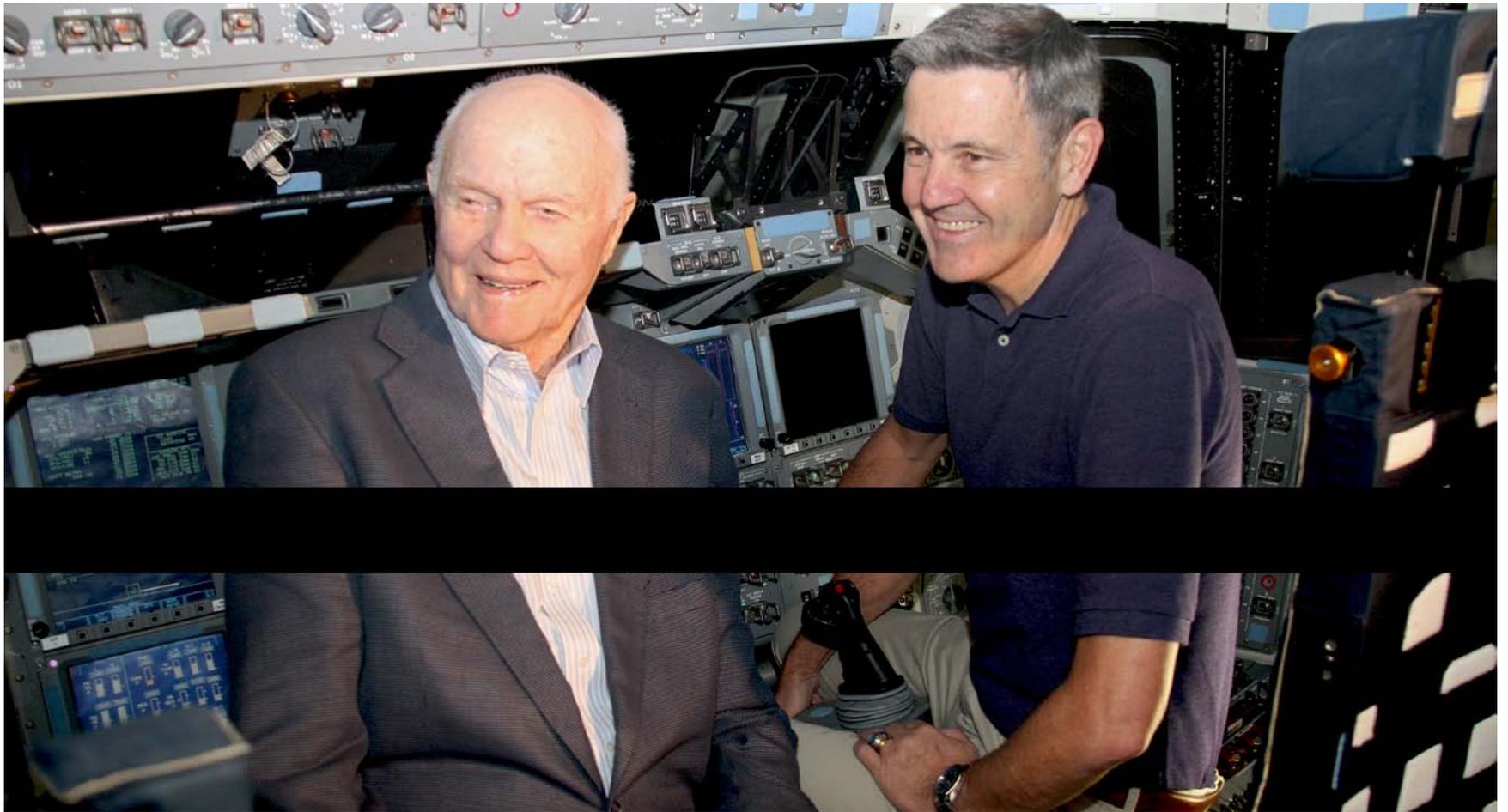


50 YEARS



National SG Alumni Academy

Great Idea #3

WHO

Initially each state sends a student representative (ambassador) from their Space Grant students that are picked for (in no particular order):

- Outgoing personality
- Communication skills
- Organizational skills
- Leadership
- Enthusiasm about Space Grant

WHERE

- These students would get together for one week at a NASA Center next summer (Langley was volunteered).

WHAT

- They would network and put together their own alumni organization that would be run by the students for the students (this would include their own website, facebook, etc.). If a state doesn't send someone the first year, they may miss the planning session but are encouraged to participate in the alumni association.
- Students would also discuss how to best recruit Space Grant students in their state to participate in this alumni association. One or more students from the NASA Academy Alumni Association will be brought in to help these students form the SG Alumni Association.

WHEN

This could happen as soon as 2012, but it will probably be 2013 and depends on state SG funding or a special grant from NASA.

SURVEY RESULTS

- 1. Would you be willing to send a student ambassador from your state to a weeklong (or shorter) meeting at a NASA center with the intention of creating a National Space Grant Alumni Academy? Yes No
- 18 responses
- 14 yes
- 2 no
- 2 maybe/probably not
- 1 sent only comments

Comments

- Thank you for coordinating this wonderful idea!
- I think this is a good idea. For our state, it will depend very much on whether we can identify the right student at the right point in time. But we are interested in staying in touch.
- This sounds like a good idea.
- I understand its an "idea" at this point and more questions will be answered as we go. I think this could develop into a great Association.

COMMENTS 2

- While we like the idea of national student advocacy, we have concerns with the approach and expense.
- This is a great idea, however I do think funding may be a limiting factor here. We have students in mind who would be perfect for this, if funding permits.
- The yes, above, is a qualified yes we have to be able to find such a student. Over the summer, our best folks are off at interns, summer jobs, REUs etc., so it may be a problem to find the right student for this.

COMMENTS 3

- Would this person need to be an alumni from our program but still a student? If they graduate and are now working, would we be able to use Space Grant funds to send them to this meeting at a NASA Center.
- 1. We probably would not send a student ambassador to a weeklong meeting at a NASA Center. We don't think the expense is viable/required for such a non-research-related purpose. Telecon meetings should be preferred for such purposes. 2. There are several students who may be interested in being an ambassador.

COMMENTS 4

- Perhaps we can encourage each state to create a statewide SG Alumni organization. Once the states have some organization in place- THEN the state groups can get together and create a national focus.

COMMENTS 5

- My answer is maybe. I think it is a great idea to get a group of stars from each state together to share some ideas. I don't know if it is worth the money to send the students if all they're really going to do at the center is discuss this one topic. It seems to me that this could be done via telecom with the chosen students. I agree that it would be nice for them to be face-to-face, but I would want the student to really gain a lot by the trip. If I put myself back as an undergrad, I don't think missing school (likely the only choice b/c of summer internships) would be worth this one alumni discussion. Now if we could set the students up on some cool behind-the-scenes tours, discussions with engineers and scientists, etc., then it might be worth it.

Thanks for working on this; I think the SG alumni group is a really important idea to accomplish. Just not sure if the \$1,500 it would cost and the student's time would be the ideal way to go about it.

CONCLUSIONS 1

- There is an overwhelming “yes” vote to starting a program like this from those that answered the survey and most of those felt this was a good idea.
- Only a little over 1/3 of all SG’s answered the survey so what do the rest think?
- The question of how long the initial meeting will last and when and where it will be held is an important issue for some members.

CONCLUSIONS 2

- Some states felt they may not be able to send a student to a national SG alumni workshop because of lack of funding.
- There are questions as to whether state alumni associations should come first and then national or the reverse.
- Would current students and/or alumni students be involved?

OPINION 1

- Input from states not responding is important.
- A group of 14 or so students could be a good size to start the process.
- What is the best time to have this workshop?
- How much time is needed for it to be successful?
- Since this is student-driven, the state student representatives/ambassadors meeting should answer a lot of the questions presented in the survey including but not limited to:

OPINION 2

- Who will be included in the National Alumni Association?
- Il there be individual State Alumni Associations?
- Who will be included in individual State Alumni Associations. Will that list be the same as the National? Will student SG ambassadors be a part of the Alumni Association or will it be a separate program?
- How will the Association be formed - goals, guidelines, etc.?
- How will students in individual states be recruited?