



Meet the Interim Director/CEO

My name is Chuck English. I started in mid-October as the Interim Director and CEO of the Virginia Air & Space Science Center. I have worked in numerous education-focused roles, from teaching and consulting to leading teams at other Museums, and most recently, I was employed as the Virginia STEM Coordinator. In the short time I have been here, I have found a strong team at the Center and an enthusiastic community. I have met with various community partners and regional leaders, all of whom are interested in seeing how the Center can continue to grow. Strengthening existing relationships and building new connections for the Center is exciting when enthusiasm and support exist. I work for a wonderful community and regional focal point that highlights inspiration and education in novel, engaging ways.



There is much to highlight within the Hampton region, from its ties to various innovation centers, its history in flight and work with NASA, to its perpetual growth as a hub for shipping, transportation, and environmental research. The Virginia Air & Space Science Center helps bring attention to our collective impacts on society. We should continue to move the Center's work to ensure everyone sees the efforts in our backyard. Everyone should have the opportunity to recognize the value we contribute to the greater scientific community. My goal is to make sure the Center becomes a place where our guests can see themselves as scientifically capable and competent. The Center needs to inspire explorers of all ages.

With this annual goal of connectivity to the youth and the entire community, we ask for support. In this yearly request, we aim to raise funds to build a more substantial collective impact with our colleagues, community partners, schools, and families. It is a time to build the relationships that will help make those connections more explicit in our exhibits, educational programming, and messaging.

While we ask our community partners for a time, ideas, and energy to identify new ways to engage our guests, we hope the Center's donors will help us secure the funding to make it happen. This year's annual support will help provide needed resources to build new displays, and help create new content, physically and digitally. We will use your support to actualize the ideas produced by the community's innovation leaders.

Together, we can continue to grow the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, ensuring it remains a worthy focal point for everyone in the Greater Hampton region, our visitors, and especially our youth whom we want to inspire.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at cenglish@vasc.org or 757.727.0900 ext. 729

Happy Holidays

Chuck

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Memberships

Memberships make the perfect holiday gift for family and friends! Memberships includes a full year of free admission to exhibits, IMAX, and the ASTC Passport Program. Our members also receive invitations to exclusive members-only events and discounts on birthday parties, summer camps, gift shop and cafe purchases.

Holiday Hours of Operation

The Virginia Air & Space Center will be open 7 days a week for the Winter Holiday:
December 19 to January 1

See Website for Hours



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ADVENTURES IN EARLY LEARNING: THE SPACE



SMILE
PLAY
ACHIEVE
CREATE
EXPLORE



The SPACE acronym encompasses actions that we believe facilitate memorable experiences and support lifelong learning. The SPACE allows our youngest visitors to begin cultivating the skills needed for future leaders, neighbors, and workers to be the best version of themselves as they strive to reach for the stars.

The SPACE includes the:

- 1) Dr. Christine Darden Literacy Center
- 2) Planetarium
- 3) Digital Airplane Studio
- 4) Cloud Climber
- 5) Junior Pilots Training
- 6) Toddler Town
- 7) Built-It Zone.

