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Deejay: Excited to learn stuff about NASA?

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Crowd of Students: Yeah!

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Narrator: Recently, NASA Ames brought a hands-on

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science and technology experience to Northern

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California students for two separate

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Space Day events.

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The events were designed to present science

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and math as fun and exciting to students

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in underserved communities.

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One of these was held at California State

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University, or CSU, Fresno and attended by

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elementary and middle school students

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from the Fresno area.

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00:00:28,130 --> 00:00:30,560
Organized by the CSU-Fresno Community Based

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Learning Program, the event featured several

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00:00:33,410 --> 00:00:36,470
interactive activities and exhibits provided by

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00:00:36,490 --> 00:00:38,710
the Traveling Space Museum.

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00:00:38,730 --> 00:00:41,640
About 500 students enjoyed launching rockets,

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00:00:41,660 --> 00:00:44,130
riding a hovercraft and discovering some of the

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00:00:44,150 --> 00:00:46,050
concepts of physics that astronauts

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00:00:46,070 --> 00:00:47,840
encounter in space.

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00:00:47,860 --> 00:00:50,400
Students also listened to an inspirational message

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00:00:50,420 --> 00:00:54,020
from NASA Ames Deputy Director Lewis Braxton.

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00:00:54,040 --> 00:00:56,630
Lewis Braxton III: That's why you're here this morning.

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00:00:56,650 --> 00:00:58,250
Because you made a conscious decision

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that you wanted to understand more about what does

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00:00:59,940 --> 00:01:02,400
it take to be successful?

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00:01:02,420 --> 00:01:04,730
If I wanted to become an astronaut, what is it going

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00:01:04,750 --> 00:01:07,350
to take to make sure I have the educational

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00:01:07,370 --> 00:01:09,510
background to get there?

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00:01:09,530 --> 00:01:11,420
Narrator: A few days later, the Traveling Space

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Museum joined NASA at a similar event

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held at the Ronald McNair Academy

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in East Palo Alto, California.

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Ron McNair was one of the seven shuttle astronauts

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who were lost in the Challenger accident in 1986.

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00:01:25,140 --> 00:01:27,910
About 300 middle school students participated in

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00:01:27,930 --> 00:01:30,450

the activities, that included sitting in a mockup

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of a lunar rover and experiencing the sensation of

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what it might feel like to be in space.

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What made the occasion truly special was that

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Cheryl McNair attended the event to personally

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share her husband's legacy.

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Cheryl McNair: Ron grew up in an impoverished

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area, but he was able to grow out of that.

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He was able to not let anything stop him,

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but to continue on with his goal.

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00:01:54,910 --> 00:01:56,450

And that's what they need to know.

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They need to know that nothing should get in

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their way, that they can truly achieve.

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Narrator: The NASA Space Day events represent part

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of NASA's goal to inspire the next generation of

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students to pursue studies in science, technology,

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engineering and math.

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Crowd of students: Go NASA!!!