



**Congratulations on your First  
Place Award-winning project in  
the  
American Institute of Aeronautics  
& Astronautics-National Capital  
Section's  
2025 Science Fair Judging!**

### **2025 AIAA National Capital Section Science Fair First Place Prizes –**

- All winners will receive memorable gifts from AIAA and our sponsors.
- All winners will receive a student membership in the AIAA during their high school career, from their present grade level until graduation. Students who are currently seniors will receive a one-year student membership (paid by AIAA-NCS) through their freshman year of college.
- All winners will receive a \$25 cash (by organizational check) prize, mailed to their home address after the fair's awards programs.
- **All winners are invited to participate in the 2-day “Mission Design Lifecycle Experience @ NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center, a partnership of the AIAA NCS and NASA GSFC’s Office of STEM Engagement”. The scheduled dates are July 29-30, 2025. We will provide lunch each day, also.**

All winning students are eligible for the experiential learning opportunity at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, MD, on the scheduled dates. Included are meetings, presentations, activities with NASA staff and scientists and a two-hour tour of the center including special access viewing of the clean rooms where satellites are built and prepared and so much more. Currently, they are building the Nancy Grace Roman telescope! Previous awardees saw the James Webb being built and got to meet Nobel Laureate and its project lead, Dr. John Mather!

**Here’s what you must do in order to receive the gifts, membership, cash prize, and information/registration for the NASA GSFC opportunities:**

**Send an email to the Judging Coordinator, Ms. Susan Bardenhagen, [smb4steam@gmail.com](mailto:smb4steam@gmail.com) as soon as possible (but no later than May 17<sup>th</sup>), with all of the following information:**

1. A parent's/guardian's name, email address, and contact phone number
2. Your current grade level, school name & address; if you are a senior- your college choice/major
3. Your home mailing address to which we can send materials and gifts

**With this information, we can also begin the process for your opportunities with NASA-GSFC for the two-day Space Experience. You must first contact Ms. Bardenhagen before we can register you for the NASA Experience.**

**Again, congratulations! Thank you for your efforts. We look forward to including you among our distinguished alumni awardees.**