

## AIAA Greater Huntsville Section Hosts Professional Lecture with Challenger Learning Center

The AIAA GHS section's May professional lecture featured Challenger Learning Center, a nonprofit focused on STEM education. In the aftermath of the Challenger tragedy, the crews' families came together to establish the Challenger Center for Space Science Education. 30 years later, Challenger Center and its global network of Challenger Learning Centers use space-themed simulated learning and role-playing strategies to help students bring their classroom studies to life and cultivate skills needed for future success, such as problem solving, critical thinking, communication and teamwork. A not-for-profit 501(c)(3) education organization, Challenger Center reaches hundreds of thousands of students, and tens of thousands of teachers every year.

The speakers were Valerie Fitton-Kane, who leads the organization's efforts to identify and establish strategic partnerships with individuals, corporations, foundations, schools and government entities, and Jenny Leibert, a member of the development and partnerships team. The speakers provided an overview of CLC's mission and work throughout the US and abroad. While there is not a Challenger Center in Alabama, some schools in north Alabama have engaged in CLC's digital learning experiences. The Challenger Learning Center also has a number of [free STEM resources online](#): A recorded video of the talk is posted [here](#):