



Stockton University-Student Spaceflight Experiments Program- Mission 14 Student Mission Patch Competition

To support the Stockton University Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP), **Mission 14**, a patch design competition will be held at two levels: **grades K-6 and grades 7-12**. See <https://stocktonspaceflight.org/> for program details.

Mission patches have been an essential cultural element of human spaceflight since the inception of the Mercury program by NASA in the 1960s (http://history.nasa.gov/mission_patches.html). The mission patch in the US space program has its roots in the patches that soldiers, sailors, marines and air force personnel developed (and drew themselves) to promote pride and esprit de corps in their units (http://bluejacket.com/usn_avi_insig_history.htm). These in turn are believed to have been influenced by heraldic badges worn during the days of knights in armor.

In keeping with this tradition the SSEP (<http://ssep.ncesse.org/>) has invited each new onboarding community to hold a competition to design and fly their own mission patch which reflects the unique characteristics of that community. Mission patches for the previous SSEP mission can be see here: <http://ssep.ncesse.org/communities/mission-patches/> and at the end of this announcement.

The mission patch designs selected, one from each level, will also be flown to the International Space Station (ISS: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html) on the SpaceX Dragon capsule/Falcon 9 rocket (<http://www.spacex.com/>) along with the Stockton student experiments of Mission 14 and returned with the experiments upon completion of the flight operations. These flight patch designs will be mounted and displayed at the home institutions. ***The winning mission patch designs will be fabricated into embroidered patches to commemorate participation in the project!***

- Competition opens November 1, 2019
- Competition closes **February 7, 2020**. All submissions must be received by this date.
- Winners will be announced in March 2020.
- Mission 14 is expected to fly to the ISS from Cape Canaveral, FL in mid-June, 2020 and return 6-8 weeks later.
- For questions regarding the contest please contact: Norma.Boakes@stockton.edu



Requirements:

1. A mission patch design must fit on a piece of paper **NO LARGER** than 3.5-inch x 3.5-inch, and its design should reflect pride in your community and your participation in the SSEP. *Be sure to include "Mission 14", your school's name, and "Stockton University" to have the best chances of being selected!*
2. There is no restriction on the type of paper or the inks to be used. **But to fly, it must be paper not card stock or cardboard. Patches submitted on card stock or cardboard will be rejected.**
3. A mission patch can be black & white or full color.
4. A mission patch can only be composed of a single sheet of 3.5-inch x 3.5-inch paper and the ink on the paper.
5. A mission patch cannot include multiple layers of paper glued or taped on top of one another.
6. We will accept one patch design per participating student. (In other words, a single student may not submit multiple designs.) Please include the following information with the individual patch submission on a separate piece of paper clipped to the design:
 - Student full name (printed legibly)
 - Student's email (print legibly)
 - Grade level of student
 - Class, club, or group name leading patch competition
 - Teacher's full name
 - Teacher's email
 - Name of school
7. Patch designs should be received no later than **February 7, 2020** via the following mailing address:

SSEP Program Patch Design
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Below are some of the winners from Stockton's previous patch competitions! For more inspiration go to: <http://ssep.ncesse.org/communities/mission-patches/>

