

Michael P. Anderson

Memorial Aerospace Program

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to participate

The Michael P. Anderson Memorial Aerospace Program (MPA) centers on and celebrates the contributions of the Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) community in aviation and space.

MPA endeavors to inspire curiosity and build community among **middle school students (grades 6-9*)** with emphasis to involve those historically excluded from education and career opportunities in aviation and space. Through fun and engaging activities, utilizing the Museum's exhibits and educational resources, MPA sparks students' interests in aviation and space by connecting them to like-minded peers and mentorship from STEM professionals in the aerospace community.

- Includes virtual meet-ups, in-person activities at the Museum and fun field trips
- Meet pilots, engineers and astronauts!
- Increase awareness of BIPOC STEM professionals
- Strengthen skills and confidence in STEM-related topics
- Learn about post-secondary STEM education and careers, and the resources and requirements to pursue a career in space or flight
- Mentoring by peer Ambassadors and aerospace industry leaders

MPA is designed in the legacy of and named in honor of Space Shuttle *Columbia* Payload Commander and Washington State native, Michael P. Anderson.

DATES: February through June

GRADE LEVEL: 6th-9th*

PROGRAM FEE: No Cost

Requirements:

- Washington State Resident
- Participate in 80% of activities
- Internet access and a computer, smartphone or tablet

***NOTE:** 9th grade applicants must have previously participated in MPA.

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