

Message for International Education Week 2011

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On behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), I congratulate Secretary Arne Duncan and the U.S. Department of Education, and Secretary Hillary Clinton and the U.S. Department of State on their efforts to foster global cooperation and collaboration through International Education Week 2011.

The theme for International Education Week 2011, *Inspiring Students Locally to Succeed Globally*, encompasses NASA's vision to reach for new heights and reveal the unknown so that what we do and learn will benefit all of humankind.

Through global collaborative efforts such as the International Space Station, NASA has helped to deepen humankind's understanding of the universe, advance technology breakthroughs and expand the frontiers of scientific research. However, none of these accomplishments would have been possible without a workforce with a strong educational foundation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. With this in mind, NASA is taking a leading role in inspiring and engaging the young minds of today who will become the workforce of tomorrow through its unique missions, facilities, research and innovations.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State and wish you great success in this year's efforts.