

GRAND OPENING

Part of the MSGC Team traveled to Port Huron for the weekend of the Challenger Center's Grand Opening at St. Clair County Community College. The weekend kicked off with a VIP event on Friday, April 29th that started with June Scobee Rodgers PH.D., Founding Chair of the Challenger Center and Widow of Challenger Space Shuttle Commander Richard "Dick" Scobee. June's story truly brought honor to the victims of the Challenger mission and how the families of the crew came together to create "something good" out of the situation. It was then that the Challenger Learning Center came to be. The welcome continued with a message from Robert Curbeam, ("Beamer") Past Chair Senior Vice President of Space Capture at Maxar Technologies and Former NASA Astronaut. A fun and insightful musing from Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger (Dottie), earth scientist at Geosyntec Consultants, LCC, former NASA Astronaut and high school science teacher. Wrapping it up was President & CEO of

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Challenger Center, Lance Bush who invited us next door to check out the space.

The Challenger Learning Center is a fully immersive, custom-designed space themed simulator. You begin your journey in a briefing room where everyone learns their roles. Half of the group heads to Mission Control which is the first to be designed after Blue Origin's Mission Control Room. The other half of the group go through the fun journey to the Transport Room. Once Buckled In, they launch to the Spacecraft, a room designed too look like the interior of a space station. The Spacecraft is split into stations that use real science equipment and are all hands-on communicating directly with their counterpart in Mission Control. The ones in Mission Control analyze the data they receive from the Spacecraft. The entire journey is about teamwork, achieving goals, problem solving, communication and collaboration.























































