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Front Row: "Celestial Phoenix" from Challenge Charter School. Wendy Miller, CCS principal, Richard (Laurie) Cox, Colton Warnock, Emmerson Dillard, Patrick Kontz, and Meghan Sheehan. This team finished third during the Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge. Back Row: Astronauts James Dutton, Rick Mastracchio, Alan Poindexter and Clayton Anderson.

Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge crowns champion

Four Astronauts from NASA's STS-131 mission were "on board" for the 2011-2012 Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge: Clayton Anderson, Mission Specialist; James Dutton Jr., Pilot; Rick Mastracchio, Mission Specialist; and Alan Poindexter, Commander.

The event was held at the Challenger Space Center in Peoria. Forty-seven schools and more than 200 teams participated in this year's challenge. Six teams advanced to Thursday's finals: Blessed Pope John XXII, "The Umbra"; Challenge Charter School, "The

Celestial Phoenix"; Horizon Elementary, "The McAuliffe-Spacekateers"; Legend Springs "Helium Hijackers"; and from Saints Simon and Jude, "The Moon Landers."

Each team presented their projects in front of a panel of judges that consisted of engineers from Honeywell. After the team's presentation, the judges could ask the team questions.

The winners, Simon and Jude, received a V.I.P. trip to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, and were recognized on the field Jan. 2 at the 41st Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.