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## **CALIFORNIA EDUCATOR ATTENDS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AT NASA**

HAMPTON, Va. – Thu Autumn Nguyen, a teacher from Edward Harris Jr. Middle School in Elk Grove, Calif., took on the role of student during a weeklong professional development program at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

Nguyen, an eighth-grade teacher, was one of 23 educators who took part in the "Exploring Physical Science through NASA Missions" workshop held June 14-19. Participants traveled from across the United States to learn about the latest NASA projects, tour NASA facilities and attend seminars taught by NASA researchers, engineers and technicians.

The workshop was hosted by NASA Langley as part of the NASA Explorer Schools program. Through this program, NASA establishes three-year partnerships with schools across the nation. The goal of the program is to support the incorporation of NASA content and programs into science, technology, engineering and mathematics curricula in the classrooms.

"I have gained knowledge about work done at Langley and hands-on activities that I can incorporate into my eighth-grade curriculum," Nguyen said.

During the workshop, teachers studied concepts such as force and motion, light, heat, electricity and magnetism and simple machines. They participated in hands-on activities, team-building exercises and problem-solving challenges.

"The teachers were passionate about the workshop and enjoyed learning from NASA educators as well as from each other," said Rudo Kashiri, NASA Explorer Schools

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coordinator at Langley. “They are looking forward to sharing what they learned with their students this fall.”

To learn more about the NASA Explorer Schools program, visit:

**<http://explorerschools.nasa.gov>**

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