



# STELLARXPLORERS III



## Comments from Team Director Elizabeth Grenier

Good afternoon StellarXplorers Program,

Here at Peninsula High School the Sirius Potatoes and the Star Fleet StellarXplorers Teams feel like they won the Superbowl. The student body, teachers, and parents are congratulating them on an outstanding accomplishment.

The AFA StellarXplorer has provided our high school students the use of “real world/Industry Standard” tools which presently most high schoolers today have no idea even exist, which in a sense puts them leaps and bounds ahead of their peers and even many college students. The experience in applying these tools and knowledge (the *Exploration of Space*) is a great advantageous opportunity as well. When these young adults go out in the “real world” work force they will enter it confidently with both the knowledge and experience that the AFA StellarXplorers Program has provided.

On a side note, visiting the Space Symposium was an off the chart amazing experience for the competitors. I specifically recall our teams drilling AGI representative with questions on STK. Knowing they would have valuable information (Intel) for future use as well as learn from their experience during the Final Competition. We had AGI’s representatives scrambling to find the answers the Peninsula High Students were asking. It’s a great feeling to see that even though the competition was over our teams were still seeking out knowledge. Knowledge is power, but the DESIRE for knowledge and growth is even greater.

We at Peninsula High StellarXplorers Champions for AFA StellarXplorers II wholeheartedly thank all the individuals who have contributed their time, effort, and knowledge to this very successful space program which has positively impacted our students for the rest of their lives no matter which career path they choose.

The young adults felt so comfortable and welcomed by the StellarXplorers Staff saying that you were all so nice and kind. We all appreciated the warm hearted staff! This provides the competitors with a comfortable atmosphere for this intense and rewarding experience. Peninsula High students are so happy they won first and second at the StellarXplorers Finals that each student will be taking turns taking the trophy home for an overnight stay. What beautiful and heavy trophies they are.

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I am presently arranging a dinner for our Sirius Potatoes and Star Fleet and would like to present them a first and second place certificate from StellarXplorers. Would you consider signing them? This way they will always have a memento that they can place on their wall at home or share with their parents and friends. Being a First and Second place winner at the AFA StellarXplorers Space Program is quite an accomplishment which they as individuals would like to share and treasure forever.

In the Air Force we say Aim High; for StellarXplorers I tell the students: “Aim for the Stars.”

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