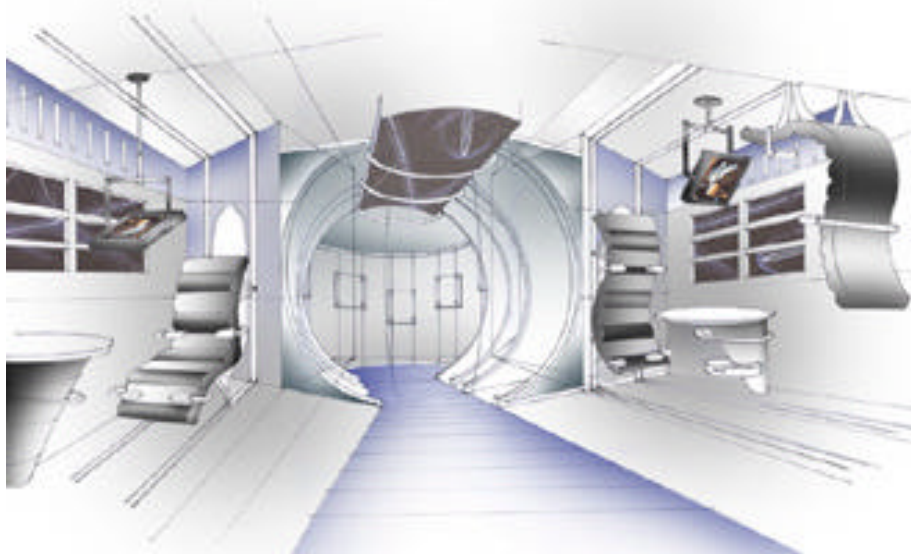


NASA Shares Vision Of The Future With Local Students

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A cabin view of Starship 2040, a traveling exhibit housed in a 48 foot tractor-trailer rig, which helps visitors to envision technologies of future commercial spaceflight.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) and other NASA officials are participating in events this weekend, to mark the conclusion of a statewide tour of NASA's Starship 2040 exhibit, a mock-up of a futuristic space liner. The traveling exhibit, designed to share NASA's vision of commercial space flight, as it might exist in 40 years, will be at the Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology March 28-30, 2003. The museum is at 311 Main Street in Utica, NY.

Administrator O'Keefe and Boehlert will attend events on Saturday, March 29, including a science fair, awards banquet for area junior and senior high school students at Utica College, and ceremonies at the Children's Museum. Administrator O'Keefe will accept a book, signed by museum visitors, in remembrance of the Shuttle Columbia astronauts.

Astronaut Leland Melvin will discuss NASA's Educator Astronaut Program (EAP) Friday at Rome Free Academy at 10:00 a.m. EST, and at Proctor High School at 1:25 p.m. EST. He will also take part in the Children's Museum event on Saturday, March 29. The Utica visit concludes Starship 2040's New York tour, which included stops in Syracuse, and the NYC area.

For more information about NASA's Starship 2040 exhibit, visit: www.starship2040.com/

For more information about The Children's Museum, visit: <http://www.museum4kids.net>

For more information about NASA on the Internet, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov>.

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