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PRESS RELEASE

Special Event with Future Virgin Galactic Astronauts Taking Place at Columbia Memorial Space Center December 3rd

Downey, CA, November 20, 2013: On Tuesday, December 3rd, the Columbia Memorial Space Center will welcome both Virgin Galactic Future Astronauts and Virgin Galactic Representatives for a special, interactive event. Challenger Center for Space Science Education (Challenger Center), in partnership with Galactic Unite and Virgin Galactic, will host a live Google Hangout at the Challenger Learning Center inside the City's Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The day of activities will include interaction with Virgin Galactic Future Astronauts and Virgin Galactic representatives. The special guests will participate in a question and answer segment with students from Downey's own Unsworth Elementary and four other Challenger Learning Centers across the country. The future astronauts will also fly a Challenger Center mission at the Columbia Memorial Space Center with the students and speak to them about the importance of STEM education.

"We are thrilled and excited to welcome members of the Challenger Center and Virgin Galactic to our wonderful Space Center. This will be a great opportunity for our youth to learn more about the many wonders of space and about the fascinating world of STEM education. We are very proud of what our Space Center has to offer and how it continues to inspire the next generation of future space explorers," said Mayor Mario A. Guerra.

For questions or more information, please visit www.columbiaspacescience.org or call the Columbia Memorial Space Center at 562-231-1200.

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