

Eschenbach Sponsors Two Visually Impaired Students to go to Space Camp!

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This past fall, in a special giving-back initiative, Eschenbach Optik of America, Inc. sponsored two visually impaired students to attend the Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS). The SCIVIS camp was held in September 2022 at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL and was a 5-day/night educational adventure for those students who had the opportunity to attend.

Throughout the week, students were immersed in astronaut training techniques using equipment adapted from NASA's actual astronaut program. They learned about space hardware, experienced space flight simulations such as a 1/6th Gravity Chair, and conducted a spaceflight mission, all while learning about aerospace career opportunities. They even got to speak live with a NASA astronaut on the International Space Station!

Eschenbach's sponsored students not only had their tuition paid in full, but they also received a care package that included a video magnifier they could use at camp and keep for themselves afterwards. The scholarship winners were Joey P. from Cheyenne, WY (8th Grade) and Samuel F. from Tiffin, OH (10th grade). Each attended the camp with a chaperone from their school and completed the space camp mission successfully!

Upon completion of the camp, the chaperones and parents reflected upon how transformational the experience was for the students:

"This sponsorship may be a fun week of camp for some, but please remember when you pick the right student, it's a dream—and life changing."

– Parent of Samuel F.

"As a parent, I cannot fully express my gratitude to the staff, chaperones, and guest speakers who helped shift the narrative from limitations to expectations. The sky is no longer the limit and by attending SCIVIS my son was able to internalize that message."

– Parent of Joey P.

Due to the impact the space camp has on visually impaired students, Eschenbach is pleased to announce that it has decided to again sponsor two students in 2023. Information about Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students can be found at <http://www.scivis.org>.

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