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## **Pattonville teacher named “Boeing Educator”**

Laura Hartsock, a science teacher at Pattonville Heights Middle School, spent her summer learning the lifestyle of an astronaut and plans to bring what she learned back to her students in Pattonville.

Hartsock was selected by Boeing as a “Boeing Educator,” an honor that enabled her to spend six days at the Space Academy for Educators of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Boeing sponsored Hartsock’s trip.

The Space Academy provides approximately 40 hours of intensive classroom, laboratory and training time, focusing on space science and space exploration. Teachers participate in astronaut-style training and simulations, along with activities that promote life-long learning in a classroom setting. The academy is designed so that educators can bring the knowledge and ideas they experience at Space Camp back to their own classrooms. All lessons and activities are correlated to National Science and Math Standards and are ready to use in the classroom.

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