# Fredericksburg High School Suborbital Aeroscience Studies

# Raising The Bar of Technology Education – A Proven Program

# **America's Burning Need**

- Our engineering workforce is retiring
- Engineering graduates are declining
- 40% Of engineering students are non-residents
- Secondary school budget cuts reduce creative programs that work
  - There Are Not Enough Engineers To Take Us To Mars!

#### What We Do

- Two Year Program For HS Juniors and Seniors
- Physics Based Approach
  - MechanicsElectrical
  - FluidsThermal
- Total Immersion in Problem-Based-Learning Approach
  - Instructor Does NO Work Students Do Everything
  - Students Teach Themselves, Driven By Desire To Launch ... To Achieve!
  - Failure is Absolutely An Option

#### What We Do

In One Year, Students – BY THEMSELVES –
Design, Build, Test, and Launch a 25 ft.

Aluminum/Titanium Hybrid-Fueled Sounding
Rocket to a Height of 100,00+ft.

- First High School Ever To Build a Rocket That Broke The Sound Barrier
- First and Only High School To Successfully Launch at a Federal Missile Range
- Only High School To Sign a Space Act Agreement with NASA
- Developing 500-Lb Research Vehicles To Lift 35-lb. Packages to 100,000 ft

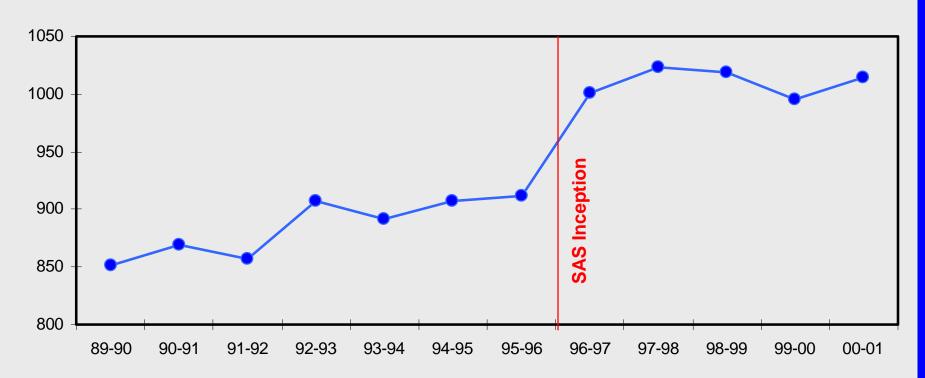
- And We Are Launching Again in 2004:
  - Rocket:
  - Testing Fuel Grain Developed at Stanford University At Their
     Request
  - Lifting Payload From Purdue University At Their Request
  - With Funding From NASA and WSMR
- FHS SAS Is Already Doing What America Needs

- Government Partnerships
  - NASA (Marshall,Johnson, Stennis,Wallops)
  - Office of Naval Research
  - White Sands Missile Range
  - Air Force Research Lab

- Industry Partnerships
  - ATK Thiokol
  - Lockheed Martin
  - Boeing/Rocketdyne
  - United SpaceAlliance
  - Over Thirty More

Significant Opportunities for Scholarships and Internships

#### Fredericksburg High School Average SAT Scores



## **SAS's National Destiny**

- Aligned In Vertical Partnership
  - Midland Community College
  - Texas Tech University
  - 2+2+2 Program
  - Courses Being Remotely Delivered NOW
  - Too Many Universities Interested To Detail/Can't Keep Up With Requests
- Raising \$3+ Million To Build, Equip and Staff
   Technical Training Center
  - Joint Education and Business Consortium; 501(c)3
     Status

### **SAS's National Destiny**

- Goal is To Deliver Curriculum to Other HS Teachers
   Through Train The Trainer Model
  - Maximizes Program's Reach
  - Guarantees Quality Replication and Dissemination
  - Already Besieged With Summer Requests

We Are Already Incapable of Meeting Demand From Teachers in Texas Alone