

Hello fellow NASA colleagues, friends, and family.

My name is Alex Sharp. I am a rising freshman at Stevenson University. I am honored to have had the opportunity to complete three summer internships at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

This will be my last high school internship as a National Space Club Scholar, so I wanted speak to you about my wonderful experiences and door opening opportunities.

My mentor, Mr. Darryl Mitchell, has guided me for the past three years through three summer internships and one fall telecommuting internship working with the Strategic Partnerships Office, Code 102.

This summer, I had the honor to work with three talented interns: Zachary Lin, Nishar Pillai, and Taylor Younkins.

Our mission was to promote the OPSPARC Challenge through planning, producing, directing, filming, and editing two promotional videos.

OPSPARC stands for the OPTIMUS PRIME Spinoff Promotion and Research Challenge. In the contest, students compete to create their own applications of NASA Spinoff technology and display their ideas through online, interactive posters using the online software, Glogster. During the OPSPARC Awards Ceremony, we had the rare opportunity to meet the voice of *Transformers'* OPTIMUS PRIME, Peter Cullen. We also met senior employee representatives from Hasbro, the company which owns the branding rights to the *Transformers'* franchise.

At this time, I will like to thank the National Space Club for providing me this educational opportunity.

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Thank you Darryl for the many years of being the best mentor ever and for showing me my true potential. To be accepted not just once, but three times in this incredible high school internship experience has been the greatest honor of my entire life.

Thanks to these internships, I am certain that I will pursue a career as a Graphic Designer. This fall, I will study Visual Communication Design at Stevenson University. My experiences at Goddard have opened more doors for me than anything else in my entire life.

Thank you.