



## Community Connection

### Volunteer to Test the Readiness of LAX's New Midfield Satellite Concourse Prior to Opening



LAX is seeking volunteers to assist in testing the readiness of the new Midfield Satellite Concourse prior to its projected opening in the third quarter of 2020. The new \$1.6 billion Midfield Satellite Concourse, which will add up to 15 gates for international and domestic flights and serve as an extension to Tom Bradley International Terminal, features a modern design and state-of-the-art technology.

Before this new 750,000-square-foot building can open to the traveling public, the airport must test the level of service and functionality of every aspect of this facility. From restrooms and wayfinding, to baggage systems and passenger boarding bridges, we need your help to put the new concourse through realistic operational trials before we open it to the world!

To make sure we are prepared for the opening, LAX is seeking up to 600 volunteers to act as passengers, evaluators, monitors and more. Because these trials are complex and require careful advance planning, we are gathering interest in participation now, ahead of the concourse's opening.

Who can participate in this unique opportunity? EVERYONE! LAX needs volunteers that represent the full range of the traveling public to help test this concourse's readiness to serve tens of millions of passengers after it opens. To indicate your interest in participating in these trials, [please click here](#) to take a brief survey, which will help us develop a database of potential volunteers.

Thank you for considering volunteering, and please help us reach even more potential volunteers around the LAX community by sharing this message with your network.

## **LAX Community Relations Attends Pathways Aviation Careers Event, Meets NASA's Youngest Citizen Astronaut Trainee**





At the Pathways Aviation Careers event, LAX Community Relations members Harold Johnson and Teresa Braden visited with Alyssa Carson, NASA's youngest astronaut in training. At the Pathways event, more than 150 students learned about aviation careers from Shades of Blue founder Captain Willie Daniels and Barboza Space Center founder Bob Barboza. Both organizations work to mentor students into science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) careers.

Alyssa recalls wanting to be an astronaut since the age of 3. With the help of supporting parents, she worked to qualify for the program. Her dream is to be one of the crewmembers on a mission to planet Mars. At just 18 years old, Alyssa was selected by the Barboza Space Center to study at the Academy of Space as one of the first ambassadors representing the Mars Learning Adventure, and the youngest to be accepted and graduate NASA's Advanced Possum Academy, officially making her certified to go to space as a citizen astronaut trainee.

Pictured, top photo, from left: Harold, Teresa and Alyssa. Lower photo, from left: Shades of Blue founder Captain Willie Daniels and Barboza Space Center founder Bob Barboza.

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