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**Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis  
Receives \$20,000 from Emerson for Afterschool  
Programs**

ST. LOUIS—The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis has received \$20,000 from Emerson to provide afterschool programs for more than 400 students primarily located in North County and the city of St. Louis. The funds will support a multi-faceted program, which includes hands-on workshops at individual schools and a simulated space mission at the Challenger Learning Center.

“Emerson is very pleased to be able to support the innovative programs that the Challenger Learning Center provides and help it reach more local students during the afterschool timeframe. These quality and engaging programs will help students in our own backyard become our future leaders in science and technology,” said Pat Sly, Executive Vice President of Emerson.

“The generosity of Emerson helps us expand our reach to more students who are engaged in afterschool programs. These students have fun doing meaningful STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-related activities, which is critical in helping them make positive connections to these areas of study and ultimately to the career choices they will make,” said Tasmyn Scarl Front, director of the Challenger Learning Center.

The funds awarded will help offset 70 percent to 80 percent of the cost for the participating schools and afterschool programs and will be targeted to students in underserved communities. Groups who are interested in participating in the program are encouraged to contact the Challenger Learning Center at (314) 521-6205 or download an application at [www.clcstlouis.org](http://www.clcstlouis.org).

The award-winning Challenger Learning Center, located at 205 Brotherton Road in Ferguson, Missouri, offers space education programs for schools, scouts and corporate groups as well as for the general public. It features a replica Mission Control center and an orbiting space station.

The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis is a partnership of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Saint Louis Science Center and the Cooperating School Districts and is part of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, an international not-for-profit education organization founded in April 1986 by the families of the astronauts tragically lost during the Challenger space shuttle mission.

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