# Engaging the General Public with High Altitude Ballooning

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## Why engage the general public?

- Recruiting for your institution
- Inspiring youth
- Raising awareness of science and engineering
- Expanding your network of collaborators
- Communicate with supporters and researchers
- Gain new supporters (additional funding)
- Increased media attention
- Some large grants ask for public outreach component
- Give students a chance to communicate science











## Husker Launch

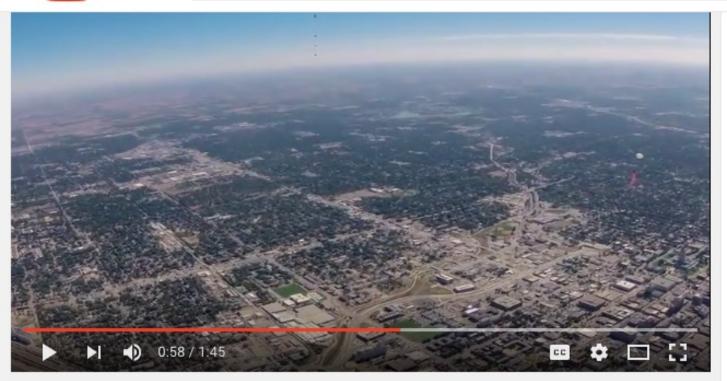
- 3 HAB balloons were released from Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, NE during the halftime of a Husker football game on Sept. 15, 2012.
- 2 of the balloons had scientific payloads and were released from behind the Husker-Vision (Jumbotron) screen and the other was released from the field by Astronaut Clayton Anderson as well as students, teachers, and professors.
- Over 85,000 people were in attendance.
- Accompanying 1 minute video:

## Husker Launch





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Video statistics Through Jun 21, 2016 🕜





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**VIEWS** 15,782

15 days

## Do Space Grand Opening

- Unique facility on corner of 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge St.
- Digital Library / 3D Printing / Maker Space
- Grand Opening on Nov. 7, 2015
- Remote HAB launch at UNO
- Video streaming from launch site
- HAB expert at Do Space during tracking





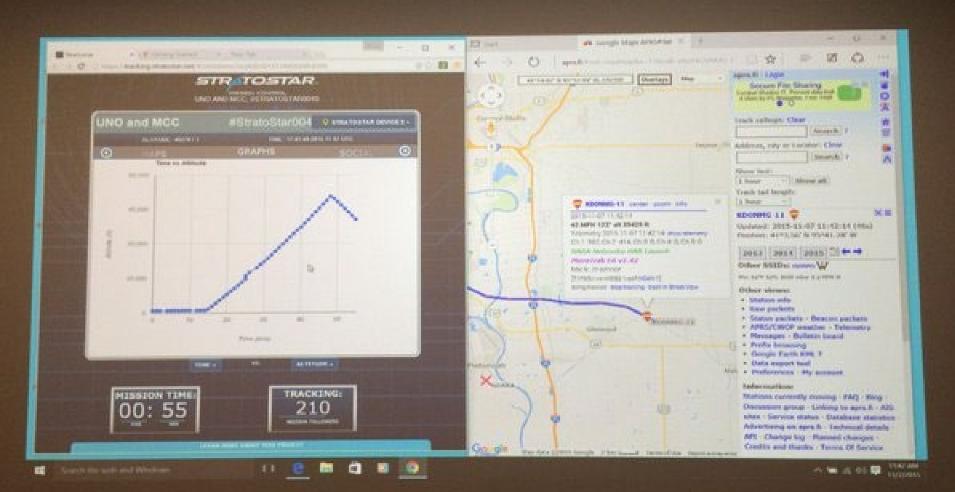


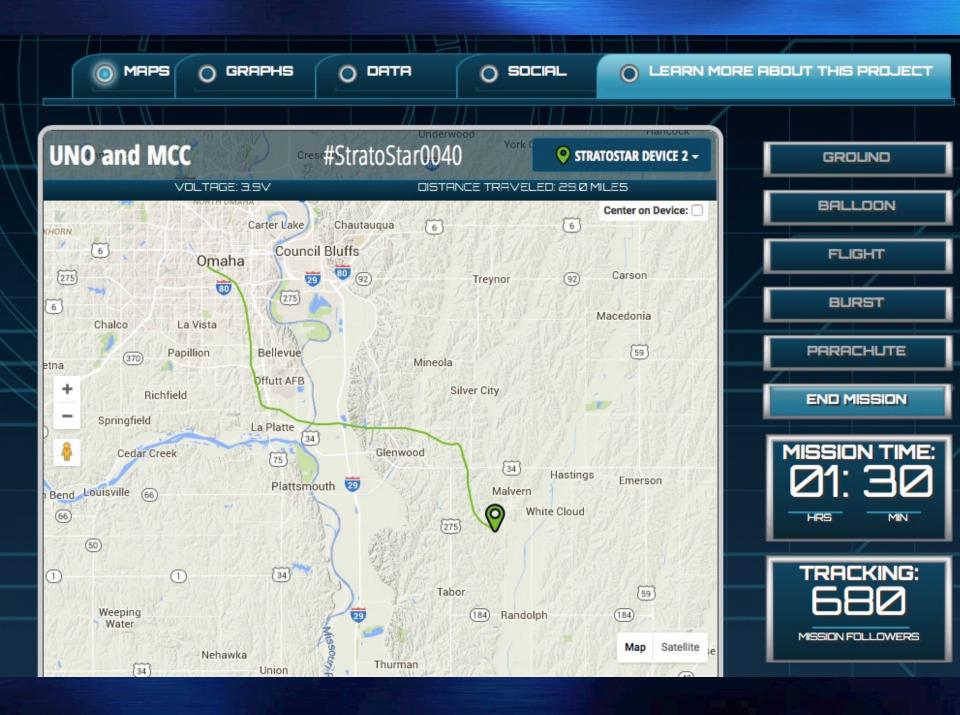


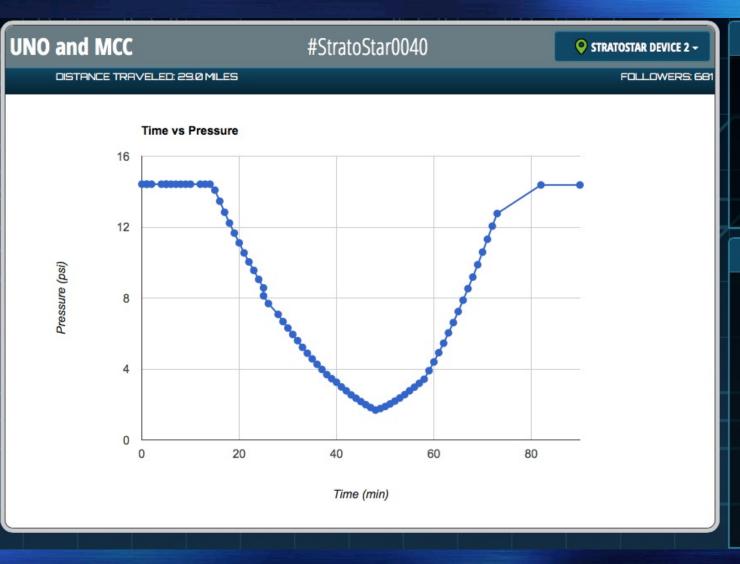












#### Axis 1:

- TIME
- O ALTITUDE



#### Axis 2:

- O ALTITUDE
- TEMPERATURE
- ) HUMIDITY
- SPEED
- VERTICAL RATE
- PRESSURE
- HEADING
- SPIN RATE
- BATTERY
- TURBULENCE

#### STRATOSTAR. MISSION CONTROL



MAPS

**GRAPHS** 

DATA

SOCIAL

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Share your mission on social media accounts to boost the reach of your mission. Don't forget to use your hashtag:





Do Space @DoSpaceOmaha Nov 7, 10:40 AM

Follow the balloon mission online:

https://tracking.stratostar.net/mission/0040 #stratostar0040 #DoSpace

? Naomi See @colorful n0mi Nov 7, 10:30 AM



**▼** GPS Data

ALTITUDE (ft)

1,214

LATITUDE (degrees)

40.96261

LONGITUDE (degrees)

-95.60688

SPEED (mph)

**HEADING (degrees)** 

319.1

DISTANCE TRAVELED (mi)

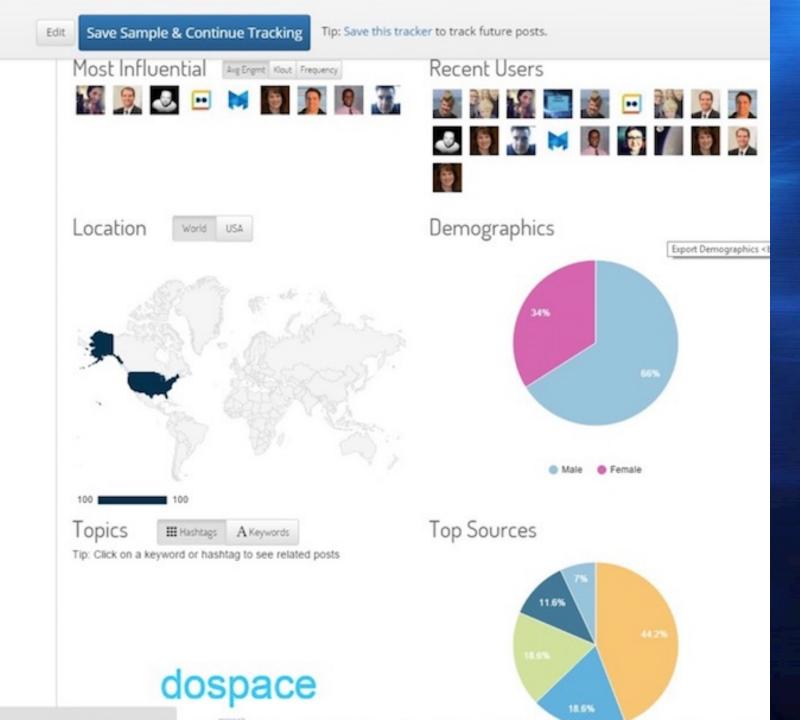
29.0

VERTICAL RATE (ft/min)

0

Sensor Data

System Data



## Cues from EPO (Education and Public Outreach)

- Outsource EPO responsibilities during flight
- Make it relevant to your audience (3D Printing, coding, scientific inquiry, education, remote sensing, space testing and exploration)
- Keep it as simple as possible to without oversimplifying (Avoid jargon, use QR Codes)
- Treat everyone as a VIP
- Create an inclusive narrative (Blog, postcards, keepsakes)

## Near Space Science

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### Eureka! Launch - 6/17/16

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This was the 5th summer in which Michael has helped with the Girls Inc. group and the 3rd

## Citizen Science with Helium Balloons

The Upward Bound Math and Science group launched helium balloons from Metropolitan Community College on Dec. 6th, 2014.

By finding this piece of paper, you are an important part of their science experiment.

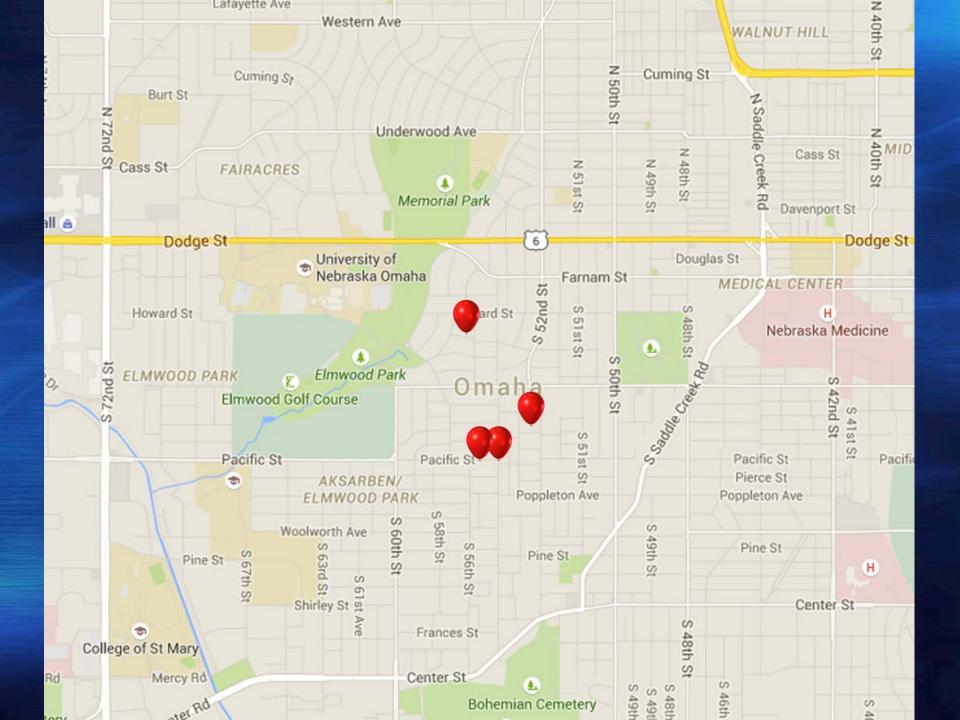
If you would let us know where and when you found this, we would have data on how far the balloons traveled at this time of year.

Please email the information to: ksibb@cox.net

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### Resources

- Blog: www.nearspacescience.com
- Facebook: Near Space Science
- Twitter: @nearspacesci
- Husker Balloon Launch: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tn6dL6AZcrs
- Do Space Launch Data: www.tracking.stratostar.net/mission/0040
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