AIAA Greater Huntsville Section Aerospace-Themed Valentine’s Day Contest

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This year AIAA GHS invited professional members, children of members, and students sponsored by our educator associates to submit aerospace themed Valentine’s Day cards. The section received over 70 submissions in three categories: children under 12, ages 12-18, and adult. All submissions were posted on the section’s social media. Winners were determined based on the number of “likes.” First and second place winners in each category received gift cards to their choice of sweet shops in Huntsville: Pizelle’s, Cookie Crumbl, or Chocolate Crocodile. We loved seeing all of the creative submissions and especially appreciate the great participation from students of our educator associates. The winning entries are featured below.

Our 1st place entry in the adult category was this clever Skylab-themed Valentine from David Hitt.

Our 2nd place adult entry from Matthew Hitt drew inspiration from former planet Pluto.
1st place in the 12-18 division went to Sawyer Yarbrough and Jordan Ratton with their baby Yoda themed Valentine.

2nd place went to Tawnee Ard with this beautiful rendering of earth in space.
In the youngest age division, 1\textsuperscript{st} place went to Evan Chisgah with a cosmic comparison.

\textbf{Roses Are Red Violets are blue}
\textbf{The Stars Are Beautiful Just Like You.}

\textit{(Happy Valentine’s Day!!!)}

2\textsuperscript{nd} place was a tie between Norah Basham and Zayna Siddiqui. Both wrote space themed poems set amidst a night sky backdrop.
If you want to know how much I love you, count the stars in the sky.

Asteroids are gray.
You are awesome in every way.
Space is black-esh-blue.
Count the stars in the sky if you want to know how much I love you.

Above: Valentine from Norah Basham

**A Space-ial Valentine**

Even if I was on the moon
Even if I were anywhere in space
I would always like you
In my heart you will always have a place

Look up at the sky
What do you see?
Stars just like you
Shining as bright as can be!

Even across the universe
I will always like you
Wherever whenever
Whatever you do!

Above: Valentine from Zayna Siddiqui