

Greetings!

As you may or may not be aware, this February the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) organization will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Positive Impact of Amateur Radio on Human Spaceflight. We will be holding a 40th Anniversary Conference at NASA's Kennedy Space Center Visitor's Center in Florida from February 22-24, 2024. As we prepare for this celebration, our team is reaching out to organizations and individuals who have been involved in SAREX, SAFEX, Mirex, and ARISS educational contacts to gather a multitude of stories and testimonials to share with conference attendees. We are hoping you can help us in one of the following ways.

First, if you are an **educator** or former educator, please fill out the educator form and tell us a little bit about your organization, your contact, and the impact it had on you as an educator, your students, and your organization.

Educator Form: <https://tinyurl.com/40th-Educator>

Second, if you are a **former student** who was involved in a contact and have gone on to pursue a STEM/STEAM career or are now involved in a STEM related field we would like to hear from you. We would like to know the impact participating in your educational contact may have had on your career choice and how the contact personally influenced you.

Student Alumni Form: <https://tinyurl.com/40th-Student-Alumni>

Once we gather information through these initial contact forms our team may be reaching out to individuals with some follow up questions.

Additionally, if you are an educator or a student alumni and would like to send us a 1-2 minute video those videos can be uploaded to the following Google Photo drive. (We are using the photo drive since the size of the videos might not work through email. If you cannot use the photo drive, please email astro-hams-40yrs@ariss-i.org for help sending us your video. Please put "Educational Contact Video Help" in the subject line. You can use the questions from the above Google forms as talking points for your video.

Google Photo Drive Link: <https://tinyurl.com/40th-Education-Testimonials>

We hope you are willing to help us tell your story and create a timeline of memories from these educational contacts.

Thank you for taking the time to help us. We invite you to join us at the 40th Anniversary Conference in February. You can find out more information or register for the conference at www.ariss.org.

Sincerely,

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