

## Coventry Board of Education

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The Northrop Grumman Foundation selected Adrienne Manzone, a sixth grade science teacher at the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School in Coventry, to participate in the 2009 Weightless Flights of Discovery program in Norwalk, Connecticut, on September 29.

The Weightless Flights of Discovery program allows educators the opportunity to prepare for and participate in micro-gravity and zero-gravity flights to test Newton's Laws of Motion with the purpose of taking their experience back into their classrooms to energize their students in math and science.

“The need to ensure the United States’ competitiveness in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) remains a real challenge for our future,” said Sandra Evers-Manly, President of the Northrop Grumman Foundation. “Students’ pursuit of these areas begins with a passion for science and math, and teachers like Adrienne play a key role in igniting that passion; we want to provide educators with the tools and training necessary to inspire the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, engineers and teachers.”

For the fourth consecutive year, the Northrop Grumman Foundation is partnering with Zero Gravity Corporation to offer the Weightless Flights of Discovery program, which is one of several initiatives the Northrop Grumman Foundation sponsors in support of promoting education and student interest in STEM. Selected teachers participate in a full-day orientation program several weeks before their flights.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School at 860-742-7334.