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THURSDAY EVENING GENERAL SESSION SPEAKERS
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ASTRONAUT Scott "Scooter" D. Altman
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PRESENTATION TITLE: Creating Scientific Leaders: Stories of Effective Approaches to Teaching Leadership Skills in K-12

ASTRONAUT Scott "Scooter" D. Altman

United States Navy Captain, Engineer, Test Pilot, NASA Astronaut, and a veteran of four space flights, Altman has logged over 51 days in space and more than 7000 hours flying over 40 types of aircraft. Hear about his exciting work on the Hubble Space telescope, experimental test aircraft, and his myriad experiences that have led him to his current leadership position as Senior Vice President Of Civil Operations for the Engineering, Aerospace and Mission Systems operating group. Relive the excitement of space travel as Scooter shares his many adventures both in space and on the Earth. Follow in his footsteps as he tells his story of an Illinois youth who aspired to be a pilot and who faced challenges and adversity along the way to realizing his dreams. Don't miss the opportunity to learn the history behind an American hero and meet this scientific leader in Williamsburg at VAST 2018!

NOT AN ASTRONAUT Dr. Jeffrey "Jeff" D. Jordan

Dr. Jordan has dedicated much of his career to supporting the NASA mission as both a civil servant and a contractor at the NASA Langley Research Center, where he has mentored students in leadership skills for nearly two decades. These experiences have provided valuable insights into the challenges facing young scientific leaders and informed approaches for successfully coaching leadership skills that result in the development of effective teams. In this presentation, Dr. Jordan

will highlight some of his experiences and observations mentoring students in scientific leadership positions, and lead an interactive discussion on effective approaches for cultivating scientific leaders.