



## **Colorado Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement**

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### **Colorado MESA Welcomes United Launch Alliance's Gilbert to Board of Directors to Support and Grow our Future Educated Workforce**

*Colorado-based Rocket Company  
Strives to Inspire the Next Generation of Scientists*

DENVER, CO; February 17, 2010 – Doug Gilbert, a director with United Launch Alliance (ULA), has joined the board of directors of Colorado MESA. Gilbert is director of the Mission Design Product Delivery team at ULA, the nation's rocket company.

Gilbert, a leader in Colorado's aerospace business community for more than 20 years, also co-chairs MESA's Program Committee. Gilbert's participation on the MESA board demonstrates just one more element of the corporate commitment from United Launch Alliance to support Colorado MESA in growing our future educated workforce, according to Gloria Nelson, Colorado MESA executive director.

"I am thrilled to join MESA and help support its mission of inspiring students about science, technology, engineering and math," Gilbert said. "We have a national crisis in not exciting enough of our young people to pursue careers in science and technology. Together with MESA, ULA is working to address this challenge by supporting STEM programs and mobilizing our workforce to help make a difference in our community."

"We are delighted to have Doug on the Colorado MESA board. As a long standing engineering and business leader, he will be an asset in both our policy decisions and the program services we offer to more than 3,600 Colorado students," said Nelson.

Gilbert added that "it's critical that our business community support Colorado MESA's efforts to educate today's students. I am honored to add my personal commitment to Colorado MESA in addition to the financial support from ULA." As part of that commitment, Gilbert will serve on MESA's Executive Committee, and co-chair the organization's Program Committee.

Gilbert joined Martin Marietta in 1986 for the Titan IV launch vehicle program, contributing to successful launches of several Titan IV/Centaur missions. In 2005, Gilbert was tapped to be director of the Atlas Mission Integration Organization at Lockheed Martin..

Formed in 2006, United Launch Alliance (ULA) is a joint venture owned by Lockheed Martin and Boeing headquartered in Colorado. It was created to provide reliable, cost-efficient spacecraft launch services for the U.S. government. Visit [www.ulalaunch.com](http://www.ulalaunch.com) for more information.

“ULA brings together two of the launch industry’s most experienced and successful teams—the Lockheed Martin Atlas and Boeing Delta teams—that have supported America’s presence in space for more than 50 years each,” Gilbert said.

### **About Colorado MESA**

Colorado Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) is a thirty year organization serving underrepresented students to enable them to pursue careers in the science, technology, engineering and math fields. Colorado MESA is an after-school math and science mentoring program that results in 90% of MESA seniors going to college and 70% choosing to major in a math-based field. Today, Colorado MESA has over 3,600 participating students from 160 schools throughout the state. As part of a national network of MESA organizations, Colorado MESA is hosting the MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition for the second consecutive year, June 25-27, 2010. To get involved and learn more about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities visit [www.cmesa.org](http://www.cmesa.org) or 303-556-8568.

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