# 2023 National Engineer's Week Honors & Awards Banquet

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Keynote Speaker Shawn Quinn, Manager, Exploration Ground Systems NASA John F. Kennedy Space Center

Presentation of Awards BDB AAE Task Force Chairman CrisVigil, Sr.Vice President and Principal, BRPH Thank you for joining us tonight!



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#### Shawn Quinn Manager, Exploration Ground System

Shawn Quinn is the manager of NASA's Exploration Ground Systems Program at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. In this position, he is responsible for leading the government and contractor team that is preparing the ground systems, infrastructure, facilities, and operations required to process and launch NASA's space launch systems and spacecraft in support of the Artemis program and our nation's return to the Moon.

Prior to his current role, Quinn was director of Engineering, where he led a large organization of engineers from multiple disciplines in the design, development, and operations of spaceflight hardware and ground systems in support of programs and



projects assigned to the Kennedy Space Center, including Commercial Crew, Launch Services, Exploration Ground Systems, and the International Space Station.

Quinn has previous experience with the Exploration Ground Systems Program, where he served as the associate program manager. In that position, he was responsible for ground systems development activities, including design, development, integration, fabrication, construction, activation, and verification and validation of facilities, systems, ground support equipment, and operations planning and execution activities leading to NASA's exploration missions.

Preceding his appointment to the senior executive service, Quinn was the Vehicle Integration and Launch Integration Product Team (VIL IPT) manager. He was responsible for the operations and development of systems at Kennedy's Launch Complex 39, including the launch pads, mobile launcher, crawler sporter, and Vehicle Assembly Building. As manager of the IPT, Quinn oversaw the overall planning and implementation of modifications of Launch Complex 39 systems to support the processing and launch of the Space Launch System and Orion spacecraft.

Quinn also served as the chief of the Lunar Systems Division in Kennedy's Constellation Project Office. He was responsible for development of operations concepts and systems to support ground processing and launch of NASA's lunar spacecraft, including landers and surface systems planned for future human and robotic missions. In this capacity, he had oversight for lunar-phase architecture planning for Kennedy in support of the lunar capability concept review. Prior to his assignment in the Constellation Project Office, he was the requirements and operations manager in the Kennedy Exploration Office.





Quinn has nearly 30 years of experience at Kennedy. He first joined NASA in 1985 in the Engineering Cooperative Education Program while studying for his degree in electrical engineering. As an undergraduate, he also assisted in the development of computer vision systems at the Georgia Tech Research Institute. He earned a bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1990, and a master's degree from the University of Central Florida in 1994. In 2006, he was selected for the NASA Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Accelerated Leadership Fellowship and entered the MIT System Design and Management Program. He completed the program in 2008 with a master's degree in engineering and management.

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## **Outstanding Engineering Achievement Merit Awards**

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**Ricky Schied Aerojet Rocketdyne** Principal Engineer, Propulsion Systems Analysis

Tyler Jennings Aerojet Rocketdyne Specialist Engineer

Jared Johnson Aerojet Rocketdyne Senior Component Project Engineer

Lee Ryberg Aerojet Rocketdyne Senior RS-25 Turbomachinery Hardware Engineer

Matthew Porter Agilis Engineering Senior Program Manager & Customer Owner

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Patrick Pollock Agilis Engineering Senior Mechanical Design Engineer

Wayne Frerichs Agilis Engineering Senior Mechanical Design Engineer

Christian Ali Belcan Engineering Group, LLC Senior Engineer, Control Systems & Software



John Thompson Belcan Engineering Group, LLC Group Leader



*Eric Bradford BRPH National Practice Leader, Structural Engineering* 



Melissa Jones NASA Kennedy Space Center Director, Landing and Recovery







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**Dr. Kuo-Ting Hsia Power Systems Manufacturing, LLC** Sr Technical Lead Performance



**Ryan Hunter Pratt & Whitney** Sr. Principal Engineer - PTMS



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Scott Bennett Pratt & Whitney Principal Software Engineer



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Stephen Gagnon Pratt & Whitney Principal Engineer, Systems & Software Engineering



Amir Kalantari Pratt & Whitney Tooling & Process Tooling Manager



Khurram Aziz Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company







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### **Full Scale Test Accomplishment Northrop Grumman Corporation**

**Team Lead:** Greg Freihofer

#### Team Members:

William Thrall Joseph Henits Peter Freshwater Patrick Anzalone David Goreschak Greg Beilsmith Peter Strawbridge





#### Airbreathing Hypersonic Propulsion System Development & Demonstration Team Aerojet Rocketdyne

#### **Team Lead:** Calvan Defreese

#### **Team Members:**

Corry Johnson Kenneth Olson Costante Salvador Mark Sillence Patrick Griffin Jiten Patel Carlin White Thomas Fortin Robert McLaughlin Robert Faulkner Mary Kafka Mark Lusa John Barnes Randall Upton Chris Suchala Michael Calandra Andres Aponte-Hernandez Joseph Martinez Eric Meyers Stephen Ogburn Leonard Lowinski Marc Guley Dean Andreadis





### **Proficiency Manager Tool Belcan Engineering Group, LLC.**

#### **Team Lead:** Mark Welsh

**Team Members:** 

Paul Wilson Nicole Saldias Okan Gunay Andrew Cooper Andrew Tirado Michael Koizumi





#### Flame Sheet Combustion System for Operational & Fuel Flexibility with Low Emissions Power Systems Manufacturing

#### **<u>Team Lead:</u>** Matthew Yaquinto

#### **Team Members:**

Bryan Kalb Fred Hernandez Bernard Sam David Giel Andrew Green Gregory Vogel Alejandro Rodriguez Alan Battles Martin Spalding Luis Rodriguez James Bracket







**Power Distribution Enhancement for Formula 1 Race at The Hard Rock Florida Power & Light Company** 

**Team Lead:** Armando Llauro

**Team Members:** 

Miguel Piacquadio Adrian Milian Graham Harris





### **138 kV Submarine Cable Replacement** Florida Power & Light Company

**Team Lead:** Benny Luedike

Team Members:

Elizabeth Lukosiunas Franck Leblanc Eddie Freay





#### SW501F Additive 1st Vane Power Systems Manufacturing

#### **Team Lead:** Gregory Vogel

**Team Members:** 

Michelle Borja Alex Torkaman Vladimir Kitagorod Lonnie Houck Ed Kawecki





### S-70 Unmanned Flight Demonstration Team Sikorsky - a Lockheed Martin Company

**Team Lead:** Tad Mondell

**Team Members:** 

Igor Cherepinsky Mike Baran Cauvin Polycarpe Sean Carlson Joe Varillo Josh Leland Matt Zywiak Jay Jeng Will Ference George Loussides Brian Ibarra Suleiman Barakat Steve Kubik Adam Leone





#### Marlin X Conversion Team Lockheed Martin

#### **Team Lead:** Doug Williams

**Team Members:** 

Jim Whitney Randy Barrett Armando Jo-Gonzalez Kevin Varson Martin Juliano Kevin Banks Ronnie Shand Mike Schoenewolff Katie Janney Domenic D'Abate Ben Capper Bryant Forsythe Kyle Ladyko









#### **RL10 Nozzle Anomaly Resolution Team** Aerojet Rocketdyne

#### **Team Lead:** Steve Fentress

#### Team Members:

Adrian Cires Tyler Buchanan William Askey Roland Szabo Reed Kakuska Necati Karabiyik Robert Grabowski Brian Jacobs Corry Johnson Kyle Kreiter Danon Dixon David Hietapelto Emily Ehrle Brendan Coyne Jay Friant Dan Morgenthaler Josh Bogi Melody Chin See





#### **ROKAF 9th Blade HPC Investigation Pratt & Whitney**

#### **Team Lead:** Brian Breslin

**Team Members:** 

Joe Anastasio Brian Breslin Mark Hannan Ian Inferrera Lance Kirk Ismar Lasic Adam Lecky Mike Pinto Karen Sotto Brandon Starr Luis Ruiz





#### NASA - Gateway - The Deep Space Launch Complex - Kennedy Space Center BRPH

**Team Lead:** Raul Aviles

**Team Members:** 

Marc Sherman Rob Bartlett Daniela Arriagada David Ogle Mohammad El Habbal Eric Bradford





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#### Team Leads:

#### Juan Vazquez, R.J. Behar & Company

#### Vijay Mishra, South Florida Water Management District

#### **Team Members:**

Geo-Solutions team and Tierra South Florida team





# **Distinguished Future Technology Leader Award**

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Sinsar Hsie Aerojet Rocketdyne Senior Materials and Processes Engineer

**Brett Austin** Aerojet Rocketdyne Engineer, Mechanical Design

Matthew Penning Agilis Engineering Mechanical Design Engineer

Egan Barrs Agilis Engineering Mechanical Design Engineer

William Fahrbach Agilis Engineering Mechanical Design Engineer

Brett Stoia Agilis Engineering Mechanical Design Engineer







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Software Engineer, Analytics Matthew Chambers BRPH

**Brendan** Currie

**Robert** Wilson

Structural Engineer

NASA

Dr. Aaron Olson NASA Kennedy Space Center Aerospace Technologist - Basic Properties of Materials



Raymond Pitts NASA Kennedy Space Center Aerospace Technologist (Gas and Fluid Systems)



Jayson Villalpando Northrop Grumman Corporation Principal Engineer Software









## **Distinguished Future Technology Leader Award**







**Brittany Achor** Northrop Grumman Corporation Principal Engineer Electronics

**Nathan O'Nora Power Systems Manufacturing, LLC** Staff Engineer



Esther Lee Sikorsky - a Lockheed Martin Company Propulsion Flight Test Engineer



## **STEM Educator Awards**



Dr. Yunqing "Kevin" Kang Florida Atlantic University Associate Professor



Jennifer Davis School District of Palm Beach County Secondary Science Program Planner

## **Quality Engineer** of the Year Award



**Dwight Drumtra Belcan, LLC** Director of Quality & Global Integration



### **Distinguished Engineering** Achievement Awards



Drew Haas Aerojet Rocketdyne Principal, Analysis/Systems Engineering



**Richard Patz**, **Aerojet Rocketdyne** Director, RL10 Chief Engineering



Joseph Joyce Agilis Engineering Senior Structural Engineer - Discipline Lead



Shawn Quinn NASA Kennedy Space Center Manager, Exploration Ground Systems



### **Distinguished** Engineering Achievement Awards



Charlie Blackwell-Thomas NASA Kennedy Space Center Launch Director



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Louis Lovas Northrop Grumman Corporation Senior Staff Engineer Systems Test



Lawrence Roberts Pratt & Whitney CSE Design Discipline Chief, Manager



# **Distinguished Engineering Educator Achievement Award**



Dr. Reza Azarderakhsh Florida Atlantic University Associate Professor



Dr. Khaled Sobhan Florida Atlantic University Professor



Dr. Karen Thole Pennsylvania State University University Distinguished Professor, Mechanical Engineering

### John J. Guarrera - Engineering Educator of the Year Award



**Dr. Dimitrios Pados** *Florida Atlantic University Professor* 





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