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& Bailee Bonick

Opening Remarks

Kelly Smallridge, President & CEO
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Presentation of Merit & Project Achievement Awards

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Keynote Speaker

Charlie Blackwell-Thompson
*Launch Director for NASA's
Exploration Ground Systems Program*

Presentation of Future Technology, STEM Education, & Individual Awards

Cris Vigil, Sr. Vice President and Principal, BRPH
BDB A/A/E Task Force Chairman

Presenting Keynote Speaker



Charlie Blackwell-Thompson

*Launch Director for NASA's
Exploration Ground Systems Program*

CHARLIE BLACKWELL-THOMPSON SERVES AS LAUNCH DIRECTOR FOR NASA'S EXPLORATION GROUND SYSTEMS PROGRAM, BASED AT NASA'S JOHN F. KENNEDY SPACE CENTER IN FLORIDA. SHE OVERSEES THE COUNTDOWN AND LIFTOFF OF NASA'S SLS (SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM) ROCKET AND ORION SPACECRAFT FOR THE ARTEMIS MISSIONS. ON NOV. 16, 2022, BLACKWELL-THOMPSON LED HER TEAM DURING THE FIRST LAUNCH OF ARTEMIS - AND UNCREWED FLIGHT TEST OF SLS AND THE ORION SPACECRAFT. SHE IS NOW PREPARING FOR ARTEMIS II, THE FIRST CREWED ARTEMIS MISSION. NAMED TO THE POSITION IN JANUARY 2016, BLACKWELL-THOMPSON IS NASA'S FIRST FEMALE LAUNCH DIRECTOR.

HER ROLE INCLUDES LEADING AND MANAGING THE LAUNCH OPERATIONS PLANNING AND EXECUTION FOR THE EXPLORATION GROUND SYSTEMS PROGRAM AND EXPLORATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, OR ESD. SHE ALSO SERVES AS THE CROSS-PROGRAM LEAD TO THE LAUNCH INTEGRATION TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION OF LAUNCH OPERATIONS ACROSS THE THREE PROGRAMS: SLS, ORION AND EGS. IN HER ROLE AS LAUNCH DIRECTOR, SHE MANAGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL LAUNCH COUNTDOWN PLANS, PHILOSOPHY, AND LAUNCH AND SCRUB TURNAROUND PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES, AS WELL AS TRAINING APPROACHES.

PRIOR TO BEING NAMED LAUNCH DIRECTOR, BLACKWELL-THOMPSON SERVED AS THE PROGRAM'S TEST MANAGEMENT BRANCH CHIEF. THE BRANCH MANAGES TEST, LAUNCH, AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS FOR EGS AND THE ESD. SHE ALSO SERVED AS THE CHIEF OF LAUNCH AND LANDING THROUGH THE RETIREMENT OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM (SSP), BEFORE TAKING A LEADERSHIP POSITION WITHIN THE GROUND PROCESSING DIRECTORATE AT KENNEDY UPON THE SSP COMPLETION.



TO THE MOON AND BEYOND

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Aerojet Rocketdyne's propulsion systems have
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Glen Scogin

Agilis Engineering
Senior Structural Analysis Lead

Matthew DeLisa

Agilis Engineering
Senior Mechanical Design Lead

Mike Amari

Agilis Engineering
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Robert Sacco

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Senior Technical Leader

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Senior Principle Software Engineer

Arnab Roy

Pratt & Whitney

Sustainable Demonstrators Program Manager

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Pratt & Whitney

Associate Director, Hot Section Engineering Structures

Chris J. Adams

Sikorsky – a Lockheed Martin Company

Flight Test Engineer

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Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards

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Advanced High-Speed Propulsion Project

Team Lead: *Leslie Guzman*

Team Members:

Kevin VanDyke

John Barnes

Michael Wiley

Nikolaus Ladisch

Mark Ricciardo

Gary Jensen

David Konopka

Bradley Behrens

Cat Meza

Patrick Murphy

Mary Kafka

Elliot Bostick

Annette Quiles

Brett Austin

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ROCKETDYNE

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RL10 CX Engine Injector Accelerator Redesign Team

Team Lead: Steve Fentress

Team Members:

Karam Paul

Jim Clark

Elizabeth Babkus

Luke Hecht

Drew Harris

Mark Ricciardo

Corry Johnson

Cody Dowd

John Elieson

Ricardo Prieto

Gary Savage

David Yaegers

Jared Johnson

Matt Bullivant

Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards

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Vehicle Management System Software Test Team

Team Lead: Brendan Currie

Team Members:

Andrew Cherisol

Manuel De Avila

Kenji Palavino

Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards



BOOM Technology

Team Lead: Jeffrey Crowe

Team Members:

Alessandro Giulio

David Balawajder

Danyell Wilson

Greg Kirkendall

Devon Minich

Will Lawton

Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards



Alaska Aerospace Corporation Launch Complex Area 3 Pad C Rebuild

Team Lead: Andrew Miller

Team Members:

Brian Curtin

Art Waite

Jennifer Harvin

Brian Ribbans

Jason Abbott

Adolfo Luna

Jay Dougherty

Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards



Collins Aerospace

Modular FADEC

Hardware and Systems Team

Team Lead: Peter Baker

Team Members:

Janet Werenski

Daniel O'rourke

Nick Hudgik

Tommy Azua

Dean Rametta

Kelly Brown

Gary McBrien

Kim Sendlein

Scott Hardison

Michael Levesque

Blake Wischer

Geoff Blackwell

William Telesco

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FPL

FPL's Vero Beach Rephasing Project

Team Lead: John Linn

Team Members:

William "Bud" Pflug

Osmaida Howe

Patrick Davis

Richard Laskey

Paul Taylor

Tricia Taliercio

Stephen Harty

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FPL

FPL's New Hire Engineer Training and University Partnership Program

Team Lead: Christina Lopez

Team Members:

Christina Kale

Gabriela Vazquez

Bruno Bravo

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I-4 Mobility Partners (I-4MP)

I-4 Ultimate Project

Team Lead: Fraser Howe

Team Members:

Skanska Infrastructure Development

John Laing Investments Limited

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Eagle Ray Engineering Development Unit

Team Lead: Derek Medellin

Team Members:

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Carlo Francis

Ray Garcia

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Derek Weiss

James Cardaman

Josh Martin

Sekhar Tangarila

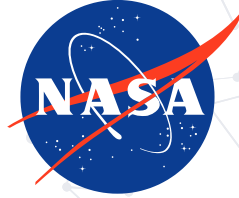
John Hunt

Erik Lucas

Slade Shepard

Christian Twoey

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NASA PHSF Modification for Psyche & Europa Clipper Missions

Team Lead: Justin Ausanka

Team Members:

William "Bill" Kinsey

Brian Wisnom

Justin Smith

Scott Hintz

Tim Reardon

Creg Raffington

Susan Lambert

Ronald Lewis

Kenneth Steidl

Danielle Lovett

Timothy Feagans

Eric Miloszewski

Oliver Winn

Garrett Draa

Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards

**NORTHROP
GRUMMAN**

Gulfstream V Flight Test Execution

***Team Lead:** Patrick Welker*

Team Members:

*Brittany Achor
Steven Allen
Jennifer Chandler
Anthony Donato
Patrick Garrity
Vince Lo Piccolo
Mark Mason*

*Daniel McCracken
Mike Ormonde
Matthew Ridley
Steven Rothen
Philip Ryan
William Smith
Juston Taksa*

Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards

**NORTHROP
GRUMMAN**

Full Scale Fatigue Test - Extending Service Life of the E-2d

Team Lead: Mary Lehman

Team Members:

Christopher Tung

Equiano Holman

Lam Nguyen

John Quattrone

Rahim Tiflati

Michael Carey

John Woodward

Jorge Miranda

Michael Balancio

Rod Heaton

Felipe De la Cruz

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PARAMETRIC SOLUTIONS INC.
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Supercritical CO₂ Combustion System

Team Lead: Jason Hickman

Team Members:

Luke Hmeil

Joy Holzbach

Rich Beno

Chris Magdziasz

Kim Gordon

Donald Crawford

Jacob Shoeling

David Cusano

David Olsen

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PARAMETRIC SOLUTIONS INC.
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Blue Origin Horizontal Support System

Team Lead: Jason Hickman

Team Members:

Kevin Sheely

Shane Bonner

Akeim Lewis

Tony Cocco

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Modular FADEC Operating & Application Software Team

Team Lead: Kevin Hendricks

Team Members:

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Christine Adams

Richa Gupta

Benjamin Fishman

Edward Dimio

Rebeka Sultana-Hossain

Ronald Holdaway

Vladimir McKenzie

Paul Adamski

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Advanced Combustion System for Enhanced Hydrogen Capability

Team Lead: Bryan Kalb

Team Members:

Ramesh Keshava Bhattu

Nicolas Demougeot

Matthew Yaquinto

Alan Battles

Outstanding Engineering Project Achievement Awards



Advanced Combustion System for Multi-Fuel Capability

Team Lead: Fred Hernandez

Team Members:

Marc Paskin

Timothy Bullard

Bernard Sam

James Brackett

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Flight Test Data Processing Improvements Team

***Team Lead:** Joe Conlon*

Team Members:

*Sam Bouter
Amanda Simpson
John Pandoli
Brooke Roberts
Alex Trainer*

*Stephen Lyons
Bob Donaldson
Chris Adams
Sabrina Ramirez
Jared Reelitz*

Future Leaders Project Award of the Year



The Cubesat Aerospace Flight Missions

Team Lead: *Kevin Simmons*

Team Members:

Jasmin Schauer

Colin Quinn

Dylan Kiesling

Daniel Portas Levy

Celine Schauer

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Senior Manufacturing Engineer

Cody Dowd

Aerojet Rocketdyne
Senior Engineer, Aerothermal Fluids

William Schmidt

Agilis Engineering
Mechanical Engineer

Geoff Sullivan

Agilis Engineering
Mechanical Engineer

Taylor Griffith

Agilis Engineering
Mechanical Engineer

Alyssa Correa

Belcan Engineering Group
Engineer



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Future Technology Leader Awards

Matthew Coleman
Belcan Engineering Group
Mechanical Engineer

Jennifer Ledene
BRPH
Structural Engineer

Samantha Ewer
BRPH
Electrical Engineer

Roger Lascorz
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AST, Telecommunications

Nicole Bohaczyk
US Army Corps of Engineers
Geotechnical Engineer

Madeline Batey
Chen Moore & Associates
Associate Engineer



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2024 Distinguished Engineering Achievement Awards

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Aerojet Rocketdyne
Principle, Analysis/Systems Engineer

Sharon Long

Agilis Engineering
Engineering Discipline Lead

Bill Becker

Agilis Engineering
AMS Operations Manager

Michael DeGiorgio

Florida Atlantic University
Associate Professor

Mark Palusis

Parametric Solutions, Inc.
Senior Project Manager

Gary Dillard

Pratt & Whitney
Associate Director, Design Engineer



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2024 Distinguished Engineering Educator Achievement Awards

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Florida Atlantic University

Professor



Dr. Pierre-Philipp Beaujean

Florida Atlantic University

Professor & Chair



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STEM Educator Award

Mihaela Cardei

Florida Atlantic University
Professor & Associate Dean



Quality Engineer of the Year Award

Barbara Billingsley

Aerojet Rocketdyne
RL10 Program Quality Integrator



John J. Guarrera - Engineering Educator of the Year Award

Behnaz Ghoraani

Florida Atlantic University
Associate Professor



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Hello from the International Space Station!

Congratulations all of you on the 2024 observance of National Engineers Week. We join with you in celebration of all the engineers making a difference in the world, through project work as well as bringing engineering to life for kids, educators, and parents. We also salute all the volunteers from engineering societies and professional organizations across our great nation stimulating interest in math and science among our youth.

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NASA and our International Partners are also working hard going back to the Moon, on to Mars, and to explore the solar system. For the future engineers of America, we need your help to get there. Study hard, aim high and keep the dream alive!

Cheers to you from the International Space Station!

Thanks to Julie Zingerman of Aerojet Rocketdyne for arranging this message and video.

Thanks for Attending!

Congratulations to all of our award winners and for their companies' commitment to the growth and success of Palm Beach County's aviation, aerospace, and engineering industries!

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