



As of 4/23/26

**Saturday, June 6**

**Registration**

8:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Foyer**

**Morning Plenary**

8:30 am - 9:45 am

**International BC**

Panel: If It Was Easy, Everyone Would Do It

Astronaut Panel: Dr. Steven Hawley, Astronomer & Former NASA Astronaut, Robert "Hoot" Gibson, Former NASA Chief Astronaut and Susan Kilrain, Former NASA Astronaut. Moderator: Dr. Anthony Paustian, NSS Vice President Marketing.

Join us for a candid discussion with some of NASA's finest astronauts about the challenges related to spaceflight and the skills required to overcome them.

**Student Registration**

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**International A**

Registration for students in the NSS Gerard K. O'Neill Space Settlement Contest and the *Live in a Healthy Space* Design Competition.

**NextGen Program**

10:00 am - 10:45 am

**International BC**

FEATURED SPEAKER: Dr. Steven Hawley, Astronomer & Former NASA Astronaut

MC: Holly Melear, CEO & Founder of STEAMSPACE Education Outreach® & the Cities in Space Events®

**Exhibitors**

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Atrium**

Please visit the exhibitor, sponsor and NSS exhibit tables

**NSS Meeting**

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Stevens (lower level)**

**NSS Chapters Assembly**

Open to all conference attendees. Come and learn more about the NSS and NSS regional

**10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**Mars**

**Space Elevators**

**Space Ambassadors**

10:00 am

10:30 am

11:00 am

11:30 am

**LaunchPad**

**Morning Sessions**

**Beverly**

**Amphitheater (lower level)**

**Statler (lower level)**

Militarizing the Final Frontier: Can the Outer Space Treaty Survive Great Power Competition? Claire Nalda (John Hopkins University)

Robert Goddard's Rocket Innovations. Loretta Hall (NSS Space Ambassadors)

Measuring the Space Economy. Jim Plaxco (NSS Space Ambassadors)

The Glen Hills Space Journey. Lalitha Murali (NSS Space Ambassadors)

**Dallas**

**Student Activities**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Continental B**

Ethics Round Table with NSS SpacEdge Education

**Student Activities**

11:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Fowler (lower level)**

Neuron Strike Presents Space Cybersecurity Joint Incident Response Workshop

**Lunch**

12:00 noon - 1:50 pm

**International BC**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Michael López-Alegría, Former NASA Astronaut / Chief Astronaut, Axiom Space

MC: Gabriel Rothblatt, Executive Director, US Space Walk of Fame Foundation Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, National Space Society

**Poster Session**

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

(International A closed during lunch: 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm)

**International A**

Contest students' posters on display with the student presenters representing entries in the NSS Gerard K. O'Neill Space Settlement Contest and the *Live in a Healthy Space* Design Competition.



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**Saturday, June 6**

**2:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Afternoon Sessions**

**Mars**

**Beverly**

**Space Elevators**

**Amphitheater** (lower level)

**Space Ambassadors**

**Statler** (lower level)

2:00 pm

Space Renaissance for All. Prof. Benard Foing (Space Renaissance International)

2:30 pm

Island Zero. Jerry Stone (NSS Space Ambassadors)

3:00 pm

The Future of NASA and Commercial Space Flight. Ken Ruffin (NSS Space Ambassadors)

3:30 pm

Powering the Space Elevator. Larry Bartoszek (NSS Space Ambassadors)

4:00 pm

Cube Sats. Kevin Simmors (NSS Space Ambassadors)

4:30 pm

Five Key Artificial Intelligence Systems for the Space Farm. Bryce Meyer (NSS Space Ambassadors)

5:30 pm

Presentations to Local High Schools. Stevan Akerley (NSS Space Ambassadors)

**Rothblatt Competition**

**Dallas**

**Spaceports**

**Stevens** (lower level)

**NextGen Program**

**International BC**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

FEATURED SPEAKER: Melodie Yashar, Space Architect

MC: Holly Melear, CEO & Founder of STEAMSPACE Education Outreach® & the Cities in Space Events®

**Cocktail Reception**

**International A**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join us for an open reception that includes a cash bar and appetizers.

Reception sponsored by the International Space Elevator Consortium (ISEC)

**Dinner**

**International BC**

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

"Apollo 17's History in the Dust"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Harrison H. "Jack" Schmitt, Apollo 17 NASA Astronaut

Presenting of NSS Apollo Legacy Award to Harrison H. "Jack" Schmitt

Presenting of Rothblatt Space Settlement in Our Lifetime Prize

Presenting of NSS Gerard K. O'Neill Space Settlement Contest Grand Prize Award

MC: Col. Karlton D. Johnson, USAF (Ret.), NSS Chief Executive Officer & Chairman, NSS Board of Governors

**Party**

**International A**

9:30 pm - Till

Come dance at the Saturday Night Party. Don't miss this party!