



As of 5/5/26

Sunday, June 7

Registration

8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Foyer

Morning Plenary

8:30 am - 9:45 am

International BC

Lunar Panel

SPEAKERS: tbd

Moderator: Rod Pyle, NSS Director of Communications, Author, and Editor-in-Chief, *Ad Astra Magazine*

Student Registration

9:00 am - 11:30 am

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 - 11:30 am

International BC

Planetary Defense Workshop: Look Up It Is An Asteroid

Join us to learn about the new developments in planetary defense and how you can help defend Earth from killer asteroids.

PANELISTS: tbd.

Moderator: Nancy C. Wolfson, American Planetary Defense Program Management and Space Education Professional, AIAA

Exhibitors

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Atrium

Please visit the exhibitor, sponsor and NSS exhibit tables

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Morning Sessions

Moon Symposium

Statler (lower level)

Living In Space

Stevens (lower level)

10:00 am

Human Science on Mars: Exploration and Discoveries on the Red Frontier. Dr. Jim Bell (Arizona State University)

10:45 am

NSS Student Space Settlement Contest Presentation

11:00 am

How We Can Settle Mars, and Why We Must. Dr. Robert Zubrin (Mars Society)

BioSpace

Amphitheater (lower level)

10:00 am

Private Astronauts - Medical Considerations for Space Missions in LEO. Dr. William Tarver (NASA, retired)

10:15 am

Eliminating the Pre-Conditions for Spaceflight Injury via Restoring Our Evolved Capacity for Good Health. Dr. William Gardiner (Laboratory Consulting Sources)

10:30 am

Contests, Civilization and Space Migration. Dr. Gerald McLaughlin (National Institutes for Health, retired)

10:45 am

Fungal Frontiers: Regenerative Radiation Protection for Human Spaceflight. Dr. Erik Seedhouse (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)

11:00 am

NSS "Live in a Healthy Space" Design Competition Presentation

11:20 am

Starlink-Enabled Mobile Telehealth in Appalachia: Advancing Rural Healthcare Through an NP-Led, Digitally Connected One Health Model. Dr. Paula Hill-Collins (St. Mary's Health Wagon)

11:40 am

Synthetic Biology Approaches to the Next Generation Space Nutrition. Leo Shiina (Stanford Online High School)

Lunch

12:00 noon - 1:50 pm

International A

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Lindy Elkins-Tanton, Principal Investigator, NASA Psyche Mission; Director, Space Sciences Laboratory at UC Berkeley

Presenting of the NSS Space Pioneer Award to Firefly Aerospace

MC: Dr. Pascal Lee, Vice President for Planetary Development, National Space Society; ISDC 2026 Conference Chair

Student Ceremony

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

International BC

Student Recognition Ceremony

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

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2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Moon Symposium

Living In Space

2:00 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

4:45 pm

5:00 pm

BioSpace

2:00 pm

2:25 pm

2:50 pm

3:15 pm

3:40 pm

4:05 pm

4:30 pm

4:55 pm

5:15 pm

Afternoon Sessions

Statler (lower level)

Stevens (lower level)

The Earth-Disconnect Phenomenon and Long-Distance Space Missions. Dr. Nick Kanas (University of California, San Francisco)

Leading the Commercial Spaceflight Era: Blue Origin Astronaut Leadership Patterns and Trends Over Time. Dr. Gretchen Green (Blue Origin Commercial Astronaut) and Julia Lantos (Saint Mary's School)

Problematic Use of Artificial Intelligence: Psychological Risks for Astronauts. Dr. Logan Smith (Space Psychology Institute)

Into the Deep: From the Blue Economy to the Space Economy. Nick Georges (Central Wyoming College and Astra Nova)

Panel: Moon vs. Mars vs. Somewhere Else: Settling Space in the Next 30 Years. Moderator: Dr. Logan Smith (Space Psychology Institute). Isaac Arthur (National Space Society), Dr. Gretchen Green (Blue Origin Commercial Astronaut) and Julia Lantos (Saint Mary's School).

Amphitheater (lower level)

Space Exodus to the "Vacuum Deserts" of Space Will Restore Our Evolved Capacity for Unlimited Life. Dr. William Gardiner (Laboratory Consulting Sources)

GOLDEN Framework™: Cognitive Mapping for Human-AI Integration in Space Health. Ginger Chen (Florida Institute of Technology)

Artificial Gravity is the Best Countermeasure in Space. Richard Kacik (Retired Aerospace tbd)

A Molecular Neuropsychiatry Framework in Analog Astronaut and Aquanaut Missions. Dr. Susan Ip-Jewell (Mars-Moon Astronautics Academy and Research Sciences)

From Replicants to Pioneers: Engineering Humanity for the Final Frontier. Dr. Erik Seedhouse (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)

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Healthy on the Moon Thanks to the Original Galileo. Holger Isenberg (Independent Researcher)
 Panel: How Our Young People Will Get Healthy Enough for a Mars Departure. Dr. William Tarver (NASA, retired), Dr. Gerald McLaughlin (National Institutes for Health, retired), Ginger Chen (Florida Institute of Technology), Richard Kacik (Retired Aerospace Engineer), Rowan Slifer (Wolfpack Cubesat Development Team), Dr. Erik Seedhouse (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University), and Holger Isenberg (Independent Researcher). Moderator: Dr. William Gardiner (Laboratory Consulting Sources)

Networking Reception

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

International A

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

Dinner

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

International BC

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Bill Diamond, President and CEO, SETI Institute
 Presenting of Student *Live in a Healthy Space* Design Competition Grand Prize Award
 Presenting of the NSS Space Pioneer Award to Keith Cowing
 MC: Rod Pyle, NSS Director of Communications, Author, and Editor-in-Chief, *Ad Astra* Magazine

NSS Meeting

10:00 pm - Till

NSS Networking

Monday, June 8

NSS Board Meeting

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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