

NASA Days at the University of Colorado 2026

Thursday, September 17th at the UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom on Main Campus
Friday, September 18th at the Smead Aerospace Building Room 114 on East Campus

Event Registration: [Registration Link](#)

Virtual Participation Link: [Zoom Link](#)

DAY 1 – UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom

Morning only: Outreach Tables [EC Lobby, Outside Between Leeds and EC]

Information Table [UMC Lobby]

09:00-09:05: Opening Remarks and NASA Day Logistics [NASA Envoy Team]

Session 1: Welcome to NASA Days [UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom]

09:05-09:50: Keynote Speaker [Dr. Kjell Lindgren, *NASA Astronaut*] (virtual)

09:50-10:45: NASA Days Launch and JSC Programs and Facilities Overview [Dr. Andrea Hanson, *Integration Manager, Commercial Lunar Payload Services Program (CLPS)*]

10:45-11:00: Break/Networking

Session 2: NASA JSC Programs Overview [UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom]

11:00-11:40: Orion [Aaron Cannon, *Orion Program*]

11:40-12:20: Moon Base [Cindy Cross/John Lewis, *Moon Base Chief Engineers*]

12:20-13:00: Commercial Low Earth Orbit Destinations [Ryan Johns, *Deputy Manager, Commercial Low Earth Orbit Systems Engineering and Integration Office*]

13:00-13:30: *Lunch and Learn:* NASA OSTEM Internships [Andrew Monaco, *Coordinator, OSTEM Internships*]

13:30-14:00: *Lunch and Learn:* NASA Pathways Internships [Sam Miller, *NASA Exchange Deputy Operations Manager*]

Session 3: Get Involved with NASA Today [UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom]

14:00-14:30: Opportunities in Space at CU: Space Grant / Space Minor [CU Team]

14:30-15:00: Non-STEM STEM Careers [April Lanotte, *Senior Workforce Development Specialist*]

15:00-16:00: *Panel Discussion:* Non-Engineering Employees Contributing to the NASA Mission [Non-Engineering Panel]

DAY 2 – Smead Aerospace Building Room 114/Lobby

Morning only: Outreach Tables [EC Lobby]

Information Table [AERO Lobby]

09:00-09:05: Opening Remarks and NASA Day Logistics [NASA Envoy Team]

Session 1: Welcome to NASA Days [Aerospace Building Rm 114]

09:05-09:50: Keynote: CLPS: Setting the Stage for a Permanent Human Presence on the Moon [Dr. Andrea Hanson, *Integration Manager, Commercial Lunar Payload Services Program (CLPS)*]

09:50-10:45: Moon Base Habitation [James Johnson, *Partnership Integration Manager*]

10:45-11:00: Break/Networking

Session 2: NASA JSC Programs Overview [Aerospace Building Rm 114]

- 11:00-11:40: Orion [Aaron Cannon, *Orion Program*]
11:40-12:20: International Space Station [Scott Merkle, *Launch Vehicle Flight Lead, International Space Station Office*]
12:20-13:00: Commercial Low Earth Orbit Destinations [Ryan Johns, *Deputy Manager, Commercial Low Earth Orbit Systems Engineering and Integration Office*]

13:00-13:30: *Lunch and Learn: NASA Careers Presentation* [April Lanotte, *Senior Workforce Development Specialist*]
13:30-14:00: *Lunch and Learn: NASA Internships* [Sam Miller, *NASA Exchange Deputy Operations Manager*]

Session 3: NASA Careers Panel [Aerospace Building Rm 114]

- 14:00-14:30: POV: A NASA Intern's Experience [Isabella Trezza, *Data and Neuro Engineer Intern*]
14:30-15:30: *Panel Discussion: NASA Engineering Career Paths* [Engineering Careers Panel]

Non-Engineering Panelists:

Melissa Telisky, *Business Development Specialist (Mechanical Engineering B.S.)*
Agnar Hall, *Mission Control Center Systems Test Engineer (Astrophysics B.S., Astronomy M.S.)*
Anna Morgenthaler (Operational Psychology)
William Foley, *Habitability and Human Factors Branch Chief (Aerospace Engineering B.S.)*
Sumer Loggins, *Communications Strategist (Animal Science B.S.)*
Dr. Steven Platts, *Human Research Program (Zoology B.S.)*
Sam Miller, *NASA Exchange Deputy Operations Manager (Sports Administration B.S., Kinesiology and Exercise Science M.A.)*
Alissa Madera, *Deputy Astromaterials Curator and Curator of the Genesis Solar Wind Samples (Chemistry B.A., Earth and Planetary Science Ph.D.)*
Erin Coscia, *Artemis Safety and Mission Assurance Crew Survival Lead and Landing Support Officer (Astronomy B.S., Engineering Space Operations M.S.)*
Felicity Vasquez, *Budget Analyst (Business Administration B.A., MBA)*

Engineering Careers Panelists:

Scott Merkle (International Space Station)
Aaron Cannon (Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Module)
Ryan Johns (Commercial LEO Destinations)
James Johnson (Moon Base Habitation)
Dr. Andrea Hanson (Commercial Lunar Payload Services)
Lindsay Kirk (Commercial Crew Office)
Erin Shimoda (Orion Guidance, Navigation, and Control)