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The Astronauts Memorial Foundation Announces Keynote Speakers for the Space Port Area Conference for Educators (SPACE)

Kennedy Space Center, Florida - The Astronauts Memorial Foundation announced the keynote speakers for the first annual Space Port Area Conference for Educators (SPACE) July 11-13, 2018 at Kennedy Space Center. The speakers include:

Robert Cabana is a veteran astronaut of four Space Shuttle flights. He served as a pilot for STS-41 and STS-53, while he was a mission commander for STS-65 and STS-88, which was the first International Space Station assembly mission. Cabana has been the director of Kennedy Space Center for the past 10 years. In his directorate duties Cabana oversees the collaboration between NASA and America's commercial space initiatives. Cabana is a retired Marine colonel.

Eileen Collins is a veteran astronaut of four space flights and was the first woman pilot and first woman commander of a U.S. spacecraft. She was pilot of STS-63 and STS-84, while she served as commander of STS-93 which deployed the Chandra X-ray Observatory, and STS-114, the "return to flight" mission that carried supplies to the International Space Station. Collins is a retired Air Force colonel.

Mike Foreman is a veteran astronaut of two space flights, including the STS-123 mission that delivered the Japanese Experiment Module and the Canadian Special Purpose Dexterous Manipulator to the International Space Station, and STS-129. Foreman completed five spacewalks in his career. During the STS-129 mission to the orbital outpost, he performed tasks on the exterior of the International Space Station. Foreman is a retired Navy captain.

Hakeem Oluseyi, Ph.D., is a Distinguished Research Professor of Physics and Space Sciences at the Florida Institute of Technology. He is presently the Space Science Education Lead for the Science Mission Directorate (SMD) at NASA Headquarters. Oluseyi hosts popular science television shows including "Outrageous Acts of Science" and "How the Universe Works," and has authored over 70 scholarly articles and six books.

Winston Scott, a veteran astronaut of two shuttle missions, is currently the Senior Vice President for External Relations at Florida Institute of Technology. Scott was a mission specialist aboard STS-72 and STS-87. He has logged three spacewalks. Scott also served as Executive Director of the Florida Space Authority where he was responsible for the statewide development of space-related business. Scott is a retired Navy captain.

SPACE is a professional development conference designed to better prepare teachers and informal educators in space and aeronautics content through talks by NASA scientists and engineers, hands-on activities and lesson plans to take back to the classroom, and tours.

For more information about the conference, visit www.kennedyconference.org or email goforspace@gmail.com. Another way to join in on the conversation is to follow @goforSPACE on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or by following the hashtag #goforSPACE.

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The Astronauts Memorial Foundation honors and memorializes those astronauts who have sacrificed their lives for the nation and the space program by sponsoring the national Space Mirror Memorial, and by implementing innovative educational technology programs at the Center for Space Education.