An Astronaut’s Career: Mary Cleave and Charles Precourt to Speak at Engineering Event | College of Engineering

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Jan. 20, 2022 Two retired NASA astronauts will share highlights from their distinguished careers at a special event commemorating a new scholarship that will support Utah State University’s brightest students.

4:30 pm—6:00 pm | Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | Anderson Engineering Room 101

Retired NASA astronauts Mary Cleave and Charles Precourt will be the keynote speakers at a special event to commemorate a new scholarship from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.

Mary Cleave and Charles Precourt will headline the event scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 4:30pm in ENGR 101. The event marks the launch of a new USU scholarship provided by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship will support promising students majoring in science, technology, engineering or math. Funding for the award was provided by Mary Cleave and Northrop Grumman.

Cleave retired in 2007 as NASA’s associate administrator for science and previously as deputy associate administrator for Earth science. Today she is a licensed environmental engineer in the state of Maryland; she serves on multiple non-profit boards and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Charles Precourt is a retired astronaut and U.S. Air Force veteran who has flown four shuttle missions and logged 932 hours in space and piloted 90 types of aircraft for a total of 12,000 flight hours.

He received a BS in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Academy, an MS in engineering management from Golden Gate University, and an MA degree in national security affairs and strategic studies from the United States Naval War College.


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