

# Female astronauts to share details of their voyages into space

Tempe and Chandler space enthusiasts will have a chance to escape the bounds of the everyday universe for a pair of programs offering perspectives of the International Space Station from a woman's-eye view.

Mesa Community College will host NASA's "Destination Station: Experiences in Orbit" during events Feb. 25 and 28.

Astronauts Suni Williams and Cady Coleman will be on hand to discuss their trips and the memories that will last a lifetime.

Williams was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy in 1987 and served until being selected by NASA in 1998. Coleman was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1983 and began graduate work at the University of Massachusetts. In 1988, she entered active duty and was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

She was selected by NASA in March 1992 and retired from the Air Force in November 2009.

As a member of the Expedition 14 crew, Williams established a world record for females, with four spacewalks totaling 29 hours and 17 minutes of extravehicular activity.

Coleman has logged more than 4,330 hours in space aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia and the International Space Station.

The space station is an internationally developed research facility in Earth's lower orbit. It is the largest such station ever constructed and serves as a research laboratory where astronauts from around the world conduct experiments in human health, physical sciences, and the mysteries of earth and space.

Program details: **Monday, Feb. 25** — 9-9:45 a.m., Astronaut Suni Williams; 9:45-10:30 a.m., autographs. **Thursday, Feb. 28** — 7-7:45 p.m. Astronaut Cady Coleman; 7:45-8:30 p.m. autographs. Planetarium showings after presentation.

Community RSVP Link: <http://tinyurl.com/nasatalk2>. Both events will be held in the MCC event tent, east side of the Southern and Dobson campus.

Destination Station is NASA's International Space Program national awareness campaign that promotes research opportunities, educates communities about activities performed on the International Space Station, and communicates the real and potential impacts of the station from an everyday perspective. Additional information can be found at [www.nasa.gov/destinationstation](http://www.nasa.gov/destinationstation).

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