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Astronaut Scholarship Foundation Welcomes Caitlin Mackey Driscoll to its Board of Directors

ORLANDO – The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF), a leading non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the next generation of space exploration and scientific advancement, is thrilled to announce the appointment of former Astronaut Scholar Caitlin Mackey Driscoll to its esteemed board of directors.

Driscoll is a 2013 and 2014 Astronaut Scholar from San Diego, California, and the 7th Scholar to serve on the board of directors. She earned her Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2015 and her master's degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from Stanford University. She has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to advancing scientific innovation throughout her career as a Senior Manager of the Dragon Structures Engineering team at SpaceX. Her experience will be instrumental in furthering ASF's mission to support the brightest minds in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

"We are delighted to welcome Driscoll to the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation family," said Curt Brown, Chair of the ASF board of directors. "Her exceptional qualifications and commitment to advancing STEM education aligns perfectly with our organization's mission. We look forward to the valuable insights she will bring to the table as we continue to empower the next generation of pioneers and innovators."

"I'm honored to be named to the ASF Board of Directors," Driscoll said. "The Astronaut Scholarship had a huge impact on my undergraduate education. Beyond the generous financial support, the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation gave me an incredible experience and support network. I'm excited to give back to the next generation of scholars and join an outstanding, dedicated board!"

As a board member, Driscoll will join a distinguished group of individuals who are passionate about driving ASF's policies, objectives and overall direction to support the very best and brightest scholars in STEM. Her expertise will help shape the foundation's strategies and expand its reach to inspire and support future leaders in the scientific community.

ASF was created in 1984 by the six surviving Mercury 7 astronauts (Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Walter Schirra, Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton), Betty Grissom, William Douglas, and Henri Landwirth. The incredible efforts of these legends have shaped ASF's mission to support and reward exceptional college students pursuing degrees in STEM. Over the past 39 years, more than \$8.3 million has been awarded to nearly 800 college students. To learn more about ASF, visit its [website](#).



About Astronaut Scholarship Foundation

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) is an Orlando-based, 501(c)3 nonprofit commemorating the legacy of America's pioneering astronauts. Founded by the six surviving Mercury 7 Astronauts in 1984, ASF partners with industry leaders, universities, and individual donors to achieve its mission of supporting and rewarding exceptional college students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of the Treasury policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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