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Astronaut Scholarship Foundation welcomes veteran NASA Astronaut Nicole Stott to its Board of Trustees

ORLANDO – The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF), a leading non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the best and brightest scholars in STEM, is delighted to announce the appointment of veteran NASA Astronaut Nicole Stott to its esteemed Board of Trustees.

Stott is a veteran NASA Astronaut, aquanaut, engineer, artist and author of *Back to Earth: What Life in Space Taught Me About Our Home Planet – and Our Mission to Protect It*. During Stott's time as an astronaut, she spent 104 days in space as a flight engineer on ISS Expedition 20 and a mission specialist on STS-128 and STS-133. Stott was the 10th woman to perform a spacewalk, the first person to operate the ISS robotic arm to capture a free-flying cargo vehicle and the first to create a watercolor painting in space. In preparation for spaceflight, she was also a crewmember of an 18-day saturation dive mission at the Aquarius Reef Base undersea habitat and laboratory.

Currently, Stott is a technical and creative consultant, a motivational speaker and an advocate for using space as a resource to benefit all life on Earth. Stott is also the founding director of the Space for Art Foundation, an organization dedicated to uniting a planetary community of children through the wonder of space exploration and the healing power of art. In addition, she partners with the organization Space for a Better World, committed to connecting the space curious to the space serious.

"As a trailblazer in both space and on Earth, Nicole Stott's remarkable career and advocacy ignites a passion for discovery in the next generation of STEM researchers and innovators," said Caroline Schumacher, President and CEO of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. "We're thrilled to have her join ASF's Board of Trustees, as her vision and expertise will enhance ASF's efforts to support the best and brightest minds in STEM."

As a board member, Stott will join a distinguished group of leaders dedicated to advancing the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation's mission, enhancing fundraising efforts and providing strategic leadership.

"I'm honored to join ASF's Board of Trustees to continue my commitment to advancing STEAM initiatives with an organization that shares my passion for inspiring young, creative minds," Stott said. "Through my experience as an astronaut, aquanaut and artist, I've seen firsthand how science and creativity can advance our nation. I'm thrilled to help open doors for future Astronaut Scholars to create a brighter, more sustainable future."

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 40 years, more than $9 million has been awarded to over 850 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

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