Management: A Key to a Smooth-Running Organization

No organization as large as NASA Goddard Space Flight Center can function without considerable management and institutional support. Managers are needed at all levels to ensure that the physical assets are built and maintained, the scientific missions are accomplished successfully, workforce issues are dealt with fairly and agreeably, and all local, federal, and NASA regulations are satisfied. Given the needs of a diverse organization, it is to the great benefit of Goddard that many of its important management positions are held by women, as illustrated by the nine women highlighted here. Many Goddard managers began “in the trenches” in careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM), later transitioning into management; and many continue to engage in cutting-edge research even while also taking on important management roles.

Some of the Women of Goddard Involved in Center Management

- Nona Minnifield Cheeks, Chief, Technology Partnerships
- Holly Gilbert, Solar Physicist
- Christy Johnson, Executive Manager
- Felicia Jones, Systems Engineer
- Nancy Laurential, Computer Scientist
- Jacqueline Le Mogne, Computer Scientist
- Pamela Millar, Applied Physicist
- Teresa Spagnuolo, Facilities Manager
- Dorothy J. Zukor, Associate Engineer