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## Atlantis crew set to land at KSC Friday



### ◆ Shuttle Update:

The earliest landing opportunity identified for space shuttle Atlantis and the STS-125 crew on Friday is 10:01 a.m., depending on the weather.

◆ **ISS Update:** The newest module for the International Space Station, the Tranquility node arrived at the SLF mid-afternoon Wednesday. Tranquility will eventually house the life support equipment necessary for the permanent crew of six. It will also accommodate ESA's Cupola observation module, a seven window dome-shaped structure. Video highlights of Tranquility's arrival will air on the NASA TV Video File and images will be posted in the Multimedia Gallery under Hot Pics:

<http://mediaarchive.ksc.nasa.gov/search.cfm?cat=4>.

■ **AAPI Heritage Month** — May is Asian-American and Pacific-Islander Heritage Month. Today, the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity will host a lunch- and-learn session to discuss the history of this observance, facts about the Kennedy AAPI population and the presence of the KSC AAPI community. If you are interested in attending, please contact, Linda Mullen at 867-9171 or e-mail [linda.c.mullen@nasa.gov](mailto:linda.c.mullen@nasa.gov). Be sure to bring your lunch and join others for this hour-long discussion at 11:30a.m. in the HQ building/room 2201. For more information on May observances/holidays, please go to: <http://eo.ksc.nasa.gov/hhh.htm#may>.

## Node 3 module for ISS arrived at KSC for STS-130 mission

■ **Education Online** — You can earn your master's degree online from world-renowned Florida Tech. You can complete your coursework 100 percent online. The graduate program now is offering MBA degrees in management, marketing, accounting and finance, and healthcare, and an MS in information technology. Please contact Chris Durie at 674-7164 or e-mail [cdurie@fit.edu](mailto:cdurie@fit.edu) for more information.

■ **Wet N' Wild Summer Splash Bash** — The KARS/KSC Summer Splash Bash at Wet 'n Wild is Saturday. The park opens at 10 a.m. -- exclusive hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets include all-day admission, 20 percent off snacks and gift



shop purchases, \$4 parking, \$1 tube rentals during exclusive hours and free drinks from noon to 8 p.m. Stop in the NASA Exchange Ticket Office, HQ/Room 1201, to pick up your tickets while supplies last for \$23.75 per person (ages 3+). With your ticket purchase, you can enter your name into the drawing to win a Wet N' Wild gift basket.

■ **UF OEM Program Deadline Is May 29** — OEM is an outreach engineering management master's degree program from the University of Florida for full-time working professionals. Classes begin in August and meet in Orlando. Students meet only one weekend per month for 20 months, taking five engineering and five business courses.

The program awards an M.S. degree in industrial and systems engineering

(engineering management track). Faculty travel from the UF campus in Gainesville to teach. For many students, OEM is a solution to the problem of whether to get a technical master's degree or an MBA. Students who want to get both degrees can do so by taking advantage of a concurrent degree option that requires only 12 additional months of study (32 months total). The second-round application deadline for the UF OEM Program is May 29. Partial applications will be accepted. For more information, visit: <http://www.isc.ufl.edu/oemp>.

■ **NASA News** — A team of scientists embarked May 1 on a two-month expedition to the vast, frigid terrain of Greenland and Iceland with a pair of new airborne radars that can help monitor climate change.

Scientists from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards, Calif., left Dryden on a modified NASA Gulfstream III aircraft. In a pod beneath the aircraft's fuselage were two JPL-developed radars that are flying test beds for evaluating tools and technologies for future space-based radars.

To read more about it, go to: <http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/arctic-20090429.html>.

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