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## Wallops Employees Receive Robert H. Goddard Annual Honor Awards

### Robert H. Goddard Award of Merit

This award recognizes individuals in all career fields whose careers and accomplishments demonstrate the highest qualities of achievement and professionalism in the employee's chosen field. This award is usually reserved for those with 20 or more years of Federal service or work experience. This is the highest individual award that Goddard bestows.

**Donald Langley** -- For exceptional service and over 35 years of sustained performance helping to enable the launch of hundreds of NASA sounding rockets throughout the world.

### Leadership Award

This award recognizes individuals in all career fields whose vision and initiative motivate others to create a new and powerful organizational future, consistent with organizational goals, strategies and values.

#### **Barbara Lusby**

For your leadership of exceptional mission-driven institutional program support at the Wallops Flight Facility.

### Management Award

This award recognizes managers, supervisors and organizational team leaders who, while providing day-to-day direction to work units, demonstrate through their management behavior, style, and approach, exceptional levels of achievement that creates a positive and productive work environment for their employees.

#### **Steve Kremer**

For exceptional management of the Range and Mission Management Office Project Management Team.

### Exceptional Achievement

This award is presented to individuals and teams who make significant contributions to the performance of the Center mission, which aid the Center's scientific, technical and institutional capabilities, and enhances mission performance. Accomplishments must be significantly above job expectations as demonstrated by its significance, creativity or uniqueness and often exceptional performance sustained over a significant period of time. The scope and significance are to be determined relative to the skill group and grade level of the nominee's peers, or in the case of teams, similar team activities.

#### Engineering

##### **Giovanni Rosanova**

For sustained exceptional engineering support for the NASA Sounding Rocket Program.

##### **Columbia Scientific Balloon Team**

In recognition of the exceptional achievement of implementing an advanced termination capability for NASA's Balloon Program.

##### **Multi-Payload Ejector Team**

In recognition of your creativity of design and your perseverance in overcoming obstacles leading to the development of the innovative Multi-Payload Ejector.

##### **Norway Launch Team**

For dedication to the NASA Sounding Rocket Program and exceptional performance on the Athena launcher installation at the Andoya Rocket Range, Norway.

#### Professional Administrative

##### **Nancy Stevens**

In recognition of your leadership and skill in managing Wallops external agreements, which has increased business and improved customer satisfaction.

#### Secretarial/Clerical

##### **Sharon Truitt**

For providing continuous exceptional support to the NASA Sounding Rocket Program Office.

#### Customer Service

##### **Greg Parks**

For exceptional customer service providing materials testing support and continuing the tradition of Wallops ingenuity by improving Balloon Lab processes and equipment.

##### **Antarctic Long Duration Balloon Campaign Team**

In recognition for your dedication to service and commitment in support of NASA's Antarctica Long Duration Balloon Program.

##### **Taurus II Team**

In recognition of the high quality and creative Taurus II launch site study that led to Wallops' selection as a NASA COTS demonstration mission.

##### **Wallops Customer Service Work Portal Team**

In recognition of superior customer service for the development and operation of the Wallops Institutional Services Consolidated Customer Service and Work Portal.

# Women's Equality Day

## Achieving Professional Excellence

September 25  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Bldg. E-2, Williamsburg Room

Guest panelists are:  
Debbie Ryon, Navy SCSC Public Works  
Dr. Julia Johnson-Rayfield, NASA Medical Unit  
Denise Pusey, Lockheed Martin

The luncheon will be catered by W.W. Catering. The menu is crab cake and shrimp, potato cakes, salad, roll, desert, and iced tea or coffee. Tickets for the luncheon are \$9 and are available in the Exchange Store, Bldg. E-2, or from Kathryn Redden, Bldg. R-30. The deadline for tickets is September 23.

The event is sponsored by the Professional Development Subcommittee of the Women of Wallops, Federal Women's Program. For further information contact Sharone Corbin at x2502.



## Recreational Use of Wallops Island

Through March 15, the beach at Wallops Island that is open for recreational use extends north from the launch areas to the signs warning of Munitions and Explosives of Concern hazards.

Pedestrians and off road vehicles (ORVs) can gain access to the beach by the dirt road and dune crossing northeast of Camera Station V-100. This crossing is clearly marked and is the only authorized ORV access point. ORVs are not to be driven on or over dunes or into closed areas.

A loggerhead sea turtle nest located approximately 135 feet east of where the ORV access road opens onto the beach places additional restrictions on the use of the beach through October 31.

The nest is clearly flagged and posted.

A rectangular area of beach extending from the loggerhead sea turtle nest east to the high tide line is off limits to all vehicle and foot traffic. This is the route the turtle hatchlings will take when crawling seaward.

The extreme north end of Wallops Island known as Gunboat Point and the large wetland area bordered by the heliport access road to its north and the high dunes along the Atlantic Ocean are "off limits" at all times due to the potential for munitions and explosives of concern from historic Department of Defense activities. These areas are posted.

The marsh area along the Virginia Inside Passage waterway that runs under the Wallops Island Bridge also may be used for recreational purposes. Access to this area is by boat only. Note that the use of any type of weapon is not allowed.

The recreational beach areas may be used only during non-operational hours between sunrise and sunset. Non-operational hours are normally weekends and holidays and before 7:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Launch activities may require additional closure of the recreational beach areas outside of normal working hours.

For further information or to obtain a Wallops Island Recreational Use Map contact Lisa Stover at x1245.



## Wallops Shorts.....

### Balloon Launch

A NASA scientific balloon was launched from Ft. Sumner, N.M., on September 15. The 11.82 million cubic foot balloon carried the High-Altitude Student Platform (HASP) to a float altitude of 125,000 feet. HASP is a collaborative effort between Louisiana State University, NASA Wallops Flight Facility's Balloon Program Office and the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility to develop and operate an inexpensive platform that can be used to flight test compact satellites, prototypes and other small payloads designed and built by students. HASP is designed to carry up to 14 student payloads. The science group reported that all science instruments operated satisfactorily. Total flight time was 35 hours 41 minutes, making it the longest HASP flight.

### On the Road

Balloon Program Office personnel are in Palestine, Texas, this week for a bi-monthly site visit and quarterly review at the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility.

Debbie Fairbrother, BPO, is currently in Ft. Sumner, N.M., to support the 34H balloon test flight.

John Hickman, NASA Sounding Rockets Program Office, is at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M., to discuss renovations to the Vehicle Assembly Building.

## New Students Arrive

Alan White, a co-op student from the Suborbital Center of Excellence, New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, has arrived for the fall semester. He will work on various tasks in support of technology and super-pressure balloon efforts.

NASA USRP (Undergraduate Student Research Program) students also have arrived and will be here through the end of November. They are:

Mark Bauman, Purdue University  
Jeffrey Wilschke, University of California  
Sarah Murphy, Saint Mary's University  
Kristin Golmon, Trinity University

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