



Headquarters Honor Awards 2021 PROGRAM

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Medal (DEIM)

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to both Government and non-Government individuals for outstanding achievement and material contribution to the principles and goals of NASA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs, either within the Government or within community organizations or groups.

Lauren Childs-Gleason: For outstanding leadership of diverse Earth Science intern teams and projects to empower underserved youth.

Janelle Holt: For outstanding contributions that significantly contributed to NASA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives.

Larry Mack: For outstanding leadership and demonstrated excellence as a change agent and advocate for NASA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion principles.

Lynnette Madison: For outstanding achievement toward increasing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM through broadening student participation in the NASA Internship program.

Kartik Sheth: For outstanding innovative, and sustained leadership of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts in the Science Mission Directorate and the Agency.



Early Career Achievement Medal

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to any Government employee for unusual and significant performance during the first 10 years of an individual's career in support of the NASA Mission.

Tiffany Blake: For exceptional leadership in implementing a new structure for the communications team and for being the first to lead the newly formed media, writing, and strategy teams.

Helena Chapman: For outstanding early career service to NASA and society in advancing innovative and practical uses of Earth Science observations for improving public health decision-making.

Ola Charles: For significant early achievements in the field of procurement at NASA Langley Research Center.

Jasmine Foster: For exceptional early career achievements that contributed to significant improvements within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Rose Foye: For exceptional and substantial Human Resource consulting contributions, specifically as a Human Resources Business Partner.

Heather Futrell: For outstanding service to the Heliophysics Division and the Science Mission Directorate as an Early Career Program Executive.

Robert Horne: For significant early career performance in design and development of critical technology that provides significant impact to the technical community.

Christine Kennedy: For significant contributions towards improving NASA's financial management, quality assurance, and ensuring audit readiness in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Jason Siewert: For exceptional support to the Launch Services Program developing the next generation of launch service contracts with venture class vehicles servicing risk tolerant payloads.

Evaristo Tavera: For outstanding results delivered through technical excellence and fostering collaboration that enables efficient, accurate processes, and promotes employee development.

Trevor Tezel: For exceptional service marked by sustained performance, multiple achievements, and exemplary dedication that has contributed significantly to NASA projects and programs.



Exceptional Achievement Medal

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to any Government employee for a significant, specific achievement or substantial improvement in operations, efficiency, service, financial savings, science, or technology which contributes to the mission of NASA.

David Bradford: For exceptional achievement in support of the Exploration Ground Systems Program and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Alana Cober: For exceptional achievements as Acting Director for OCHCO's Talent Strategy & Engagement Division.

Elaine Denning: For outstanding leadership in serving as the Executive Secretary for the NASA Advisory Council's Science Committee.

Daniel Evans: For exceptional innovation in developing NASA's ground-breaking approach of dual-anonymous peer review, increasing diversity and equity within the nation's science ecosystem.

Barbara Fries: For exceptional achievements managing NASA's leadership development programs.

Michael Garcia: For exceptional and innovative leadership in implementing Astrophysics Pioneers, a new program to do outstanding Astrophysics in small missions.

Allison Genco: For exceptional and dedicated legal support of NASA's Human Landing System program and its component procurements.

Leopoldo Gomez: For outstanding leadership in successfully implementing a strategy to strengthen SMD's workforce.

Steven Hirshorn: For outstanding leadership in support of SMD's operational missions in a time of crisis and for exceptional support to SMD programs.

Daniel Huot: For outstanding achievement developing and executing innovative communications to support commercial crew missions.

Stefan Immler: For outstanding leadership in achieving exceptional results and exceeding efficiency metrics for the Astrophysics Research Program during the COVID pandemic.

Jacqueline James: For exemplary accomplishment strengthening NASA's cybersecurity posture, improved OCIO customer experience & enabled successful remote operations during the COVID pandemic.

Amy Kaminski: For exceptional leadership in modernizing the Prizes, Challenges and Crowdsourcing Program, building an innovative engine to channel public energy into NASA's missions.

Katelyn Kuhl: For exceptional achievement in securing the international partnerships necessary for the next phase of human exploration, the Gateway Program.

Robert Lasalvia: For exceptional achievement in advancing NASA's work and impact through partnerships to engage diverse groups of students in NASA's mission.

Andrea Lovell: For outstanding leadership and professionalism as a Contracting Officer through development and use of innovative and streamlined approaches to contract administration.

Shannon Meehan: For exceptional achievements as Acting Director for OCHCO's Executive Services Division.

Alicia Mendoza-Hill: For outstanding leadership establishing the SMD Rideshare Office, maximizing use of launch capacity by providing expertise and coordination to launch secondary payloads.

Farzana Moreno: For outstanding initiative and exceptional achievement to drive transformational change for Ames Research Center and the OCFO Enterprise.

Keith Savoy: For exceptional leadership to improve the overall working conditions, Space Launch System core stage production capabilities and employee morale during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sangeeta Vaidya: For outstanding development and application of a new project management tool for increased efficiencies in controlling, managing, and analyzing complex projects data.

Gilbert Winter: For outstanding leadership in standing up the NASA Office of Cyber Security Services and modernizing cybersecurity service delivery to NASA mission and institutional customers.

Travis Wohlrab: For exceptional achievement in developing a live stream production capability employed in support of Agency internal and external communications programs.

Alan Zide: For exceptional leadership of the Solar Orbiter mission leading to its successful launch in February 2020.



Exceptional Administrative Achievement Medal

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to any civil service employee in the NASA Classification 500 Group or non-Government equivalent for a significant, specific achievement or contribution that clearly demonstrates a substantial improvement in administrative support contributing to NASA's mission.

Darcia Brown: For outstanding service as the Heliophysics grants administrator and for outstanding service as the SMD lead for the Combined Federal Campaign for three successful years.

Kathryn Carroll: For exceptional contribution to the Earth Science Division, displaying skills, knowledge, and flexibility to help the whole staff work productively during a challenging year.

Tanya Jefferson: For exceptional and specific achievement in support of OGC enterprise transformation activities resulting in substantial improvement in administrative support.

Jacqueline Mackall: For outstanding support to 4 SMD divisions during a time of unprecedented growth in the directorate.



Exceptional Public Achievement Medal

This prestigious NASA recognition is awarded to non-Government individuals or any individual who was not a Government employee during the period in which the achievement was accomplished.

Sandra Bennett: For exceptional leadership in researching, devising, and implementing the Programs On-Site COVID-19 practices and efficient procurement strategies.

Wendy Evans: For Exemplary Service as the Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN) Program COVID-19 Operations Integration Lead.

Patricia Talbert: For outstanding contributions to the NASA Planetary Science Division and going the extra mile to facilitate team achievement.

Meghan Woodcock: For exceptional expertise and sustained leadership in support of the Office of Communications' virtual Public Engagement Efforts.



Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to both Government and non-Government individuals for exceptional scientific contributions (specific, concrete scientific achievements) toward achievement of the NASA Mission.

John Baross: For exceptional scientific achievements advancing NASA's search for life in the universe by expanding understanding of environments in which life can originate and thrive.



Exceptional Technology Achievement Medal

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to Government or non-Government individuals for exceptional technology contributions.

Michelle Munk: For outstanding leadership and contributions to NASA's Entry, Descent and Landing technology advancements to enable future robotic and Human exploration missions.



Exceptional Public Service Medal

This prestigious NASA recognition is awarded to non-Government individuals or to an individual who was not a Government employee during the period in which the service was performed for sustained performance that embodies multiple contributions on NASA projects, programs, or initiatives.

Sarah Brennan: For exceptional service to NASA and society in advancing innovative uses of NASA Earth Science observations for improving water and agriculture management decisions.

Ronald Colvin: For sustained, expert support of NASA's cybersecurity program, resulting in significantly improved cybersecurity of NASA's mission and corporate IT environments.

Robert Ferl: For exceptional contributions to NASA—from sustained scientific excellence to extraordinary public service on the National committees that shaped NASA science.

Jamie Nastal: For exceptional service to NASA in managing efforts across five Centers and Headquarters as Coordinator of the Surface Biology and Geology Study Team.

Azhar Rafiq: For outstanding leadership, innovation, and dedication to implementing and maintaining the Agency's Electronic Health Records System ensuring the health of all NASA employees.

David Spergel: For outstanding leadership of the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope's science teams during its initial mission concept and formulation period.

Melinda Swenson: For excellent mission support as the Office of Procurement's Science and Space Systems Support Office Manager.



Exceptional Service Medal

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to any Government employee for sustained performance that embodies multiple contributions which contribute to NASA projects, programs, or initiatives.

David Baden: For exceptional service supervising and guiding NASA programmatic and institutional teams for more than 30 years resulting in significant contributions to mission success.

***Patrick Besha:** For outstanding leadership as NASA's Senior Policy Advisor.

Margaret Bollinger: For exceptional service improving cybersecurity at NASA, ensuring critical cybersecurity investments are planned and executed effectively protecting information and IT assets.

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Tammy Brandon: For exceptional service in advancing NASA's work and impact in engaging diverse groups of students and supporting educators and educational institutions across the nation.

James Carson: For outstanding leadership in the enhancement of accuracy, effectiveness, and efficiency of Agency financial operations.

Richard Catalano: For sustained superior performance and significant technical contributions to NASA projects, programs, and initiatives over a highly successful NASA career.

Robin Cravey: For sustained superior performance and significant technical contributions to NASA projects, programs, and initiatives over a highly successful NASA career.

James Davis: For outstanding contributions to improving Center and Agency financial management operations and sustained performance in support of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

***Susan Gillen:** For outstanding contributions to the Artemis juggernaut effort while serving as Associate Administrator, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Kenneth Goetzke: For exceptional service and sustained performance improving the NASA ethics program and the Langley Research Center general law practice.

Joshua Green: For recognition of sustained excellence and superior performance supporting the Launch Services Program and the Kennedy Space Center Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Steven Horn: For outstanding, sustained legal guidance and support to NASA programs that has been instrumental to NASA's success over the course of a magnificent civil service career.

David Jacintho: For life-long exceptional performance and career dedication that contributed to NASA objectives in the face of immense adversity.

***Gail Skofronick-Jackson:** For distinguished and exemplary contributions to NASA's Earth Science.

Willis Jenkins: For 26-years of exceptional service and personal contributions to the success of over 45 NASA Science Missions, and dedication to serving as a mentor and role model.

Lisa Langham: For outstanding leadership and accounting expertise provided to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

***Donald McErlean:** For exemplary leadership, dedication, and commitment to NASA as a member of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel from 2006 to 2020.

Elaine McMahon: For exceptional service and sustained performance over 25 years to ensure mission accomplishment of the NASA legal enterprise.

Crystal McNeely: For sustained outstanding financial management performance in executing NASA's partnership agreements and space flight missions.

Claudia Meyer: For exceptional design and leadership of the Space Technology Research Grants Program and committed stewardship of the space technology academic research community.

Warnecke Miller: For exceptional performance supporting the NASA OGC enterprise by developing and implementing efficiencies and improvements.

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John Moses: For exceptional dedication and innovation in leading the competitive selection of the next generation of Heliophysics missions and technology.

***George Nield:** For exemplary leadership, dedication, and commitment to NASA as a member of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel from 2010 to 2022.

Thomas Popernack: For exceptional service in sustaining NASA's aerosciences ground test capabilities.

Nicole Smith: For Exceptional Contributions to Agency Employee and Labor Relations Programs.

Robert Smith: For a career of outstanding leadership, exceptional service, and significant contributions to NASA and Human Spaceflight.

Nantel Suzuki: For outstanding leadership of and sustained innovative practices in Human Landing System Acquisition.

Bruce Tagg: For outstanding service as manager of NASA's Airborne Science Program.

Lucia Tsaoussi: For outstanding service as Deputy Associate Director for the Earth Science Research and Analysis Program.

Jean Wolfe: For exceptional and sustained contributions to the success of the nation's entire portfolio of civilian weather satellite programs.



Outstanding Leadership Medal

This prestigious NASA medal is awarded to Government employees for notable leadership accomplishments that have significantly influenced the NASA Mission. Sustained leadership and exceptionally high-impact leadership achievements should demonstrate the individual's effectiveness in advancing the Agency's goals and image in present and future terms.

Jeffrey Balsler: For high-impact, sustained leadership and significant technical advancements prior to and during unprecedented work from home mandates and On-Site Work constraints.

Sandra Cauffman: For exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to the Earth Science Division in a time of significant change and new opportunities.

Lori Glaze: For exceptional leadership of the Planetary Science Division and broader science community implementing a broad spectrum of research and exploration across the solar system.

Franciscus Groen: For outstanding leadership to the Office of Safety and Mission Assurance in support of NASA missions and advancing Agency goals.

Scott Holland: For exemplary sustained leadership and significant advancement of a National effort across NASA centers in the development of advanced aerospace technologies.

***Mayra Montrose:** For outstanding leadership serving as the Acting SMD Deputy AA for Programs during a time of both transition and of unprecedented Agency and national uncertainty.

Randy Petyak: For exemplary leadership of the Advanced Aircraft Program.

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***William Roets:** For sustained and effective leadership, fostering and influencing positive change, and achieving high-impact results that enabled NASA Office of Procurement transformation.

Stephen Shinn: For extraordinary leadership, dedication, and supervisory excellence of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Mary Werkheiser: For outstanding leadership in the conception, formulation, and execution of the Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative and the Lunar Surface Innovation Consortium.

***Calvin Williams:** For innovative leadership to sustain NASA's physical asset portfolio and transform the infrastructure services to ensure an enduring and reliable foundation for all missions.

Thomas Williams: For exceptional scientific leadership of the Human Factors and Behavioral Performance Element ensuring physical and emotional health of current and future NASA crew members.



Outstanding Public Leadership Medal

This prestigious NASA recognition is awarded to non-Government individuals or to an individual who was not a Government employee or Government contractor employee during the period in which the accomplishment was achieved for notable leadership accomplishments that have significantly influenced the NASA Mission.

Charles Norton: For outstanding vision and leadership in the advocacy and development of small satellite missions enabling new innovations in NASA's scientific and technological capabilities.



Group Achievement Award

This prestigious NASA certificate is awarded to any combination of Government and/or non-Government individuals for an outstanding group accomplishment that has contributed substantially to NASA's mission.

***Agency Corporate Recruitment Services Team:** For demonstrating exceptional commitment in developing corporate digital recruitment services for NASA. Their work impacts every NASA project, program and initiative.

***Agency Future of Work Team:** For outstanding work in evaluating current NASA and industry telework/remote work trends and developing guidance for expanding work options to attract and retain talent.

Appel Knowledge Services Virtual Transition: For outstanding innovation and collaboration to ensure continuous delivery of training and expertise development opportunities in support of the NASA mission.

Artemis III Science Definition Team: For outstanding effort defining science objectives to be carried out during the planned Artemis III mission, the first human mission to the Moon in the 21st century.

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Astrophysics R&A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: For advancing NASA's core value of inclusion by restructuring the Astrophysics Research Program to remove barriers to the participation of underrepresented groups.

Cross Program Agreements Team: For exceptional dedication in developing a more efficient process to expedite baselining Cross Program interdependencies for Artemis I, II, and IV missions.

Cross Program Modeling and Simulation Integration: For excellence in formulating and implementing technical integration of enterprise-wide modeling and simulation in support of Artemis I design certification.

Estimating the Circulation and Climate of the Ocean and Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center Team: For the outstanding achievement towards advancing NASA's Earth system data integration, modeling, cloud compute, and open science capabilities for ocean and climate research.

ESD RRNES Review and Management Team: For outstanding support in assessing inputs, reviewing, and managing proposals submitted to NASA's RRNES solicitation for environmental impacts to COVID-19 pandemic.

Exports Project Office: For perseverance, creative thinking and optimism in the face of adversity, enabling the successful completion of the EXPORTS project.

Goddard Space Flight Center Live Shot Production: For excellence in leading an Agency-wide Live Shot Production program and carrying NASA mission and message to a broad, diverse world-wide audience.

Impact SNWG Team: For exceptional performance of NASA's role in the inter-agency Satellite Needs Working Group 2020 Assessment and Analysis Phase.

ISS Cooperative Agreement Independent Review Team: For exceptional performance in the independent evaluation of the ISS Cooperative Agreement, which was critical to the successful management of the ISS National Laboratory.

License Team for SpaceX Parachute Technology: For exceptional work on a novel license approach for parachute asymmetry sensor technology critical to advancing safety in human space-flight programs.

Lucy Project—First Mission to the Trojan Asteroids: For extraordinary dedication and exemplary performance in successfully carrying the Lucy Project thru the fabrication, testing and assembly of the Lucy spacecraft under COVID.

NASA Cross Agency Team: For outstanding contributions resulting in the first ever Agency-wide Economic Impact Report.

NASA Environmental Health "Clean Team": The NASA Environmental Health Clean Team is nominated for exceptional achievement and innovation in protecting the health and wellbeing of NASA employees during the Pandemic.

NASA International Space Apps Challenge Global Org: For outstanding efforts to execute the Space Apps COVID-19 Challenge, allowing 15,000 people from 150 countries to use NASA data to solve challenges related to the pandemic.

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OCFO Diversity & Inclusion Focus Group for ARC: For exceptional performance implementing NASA's Core Value, Inclusion—fostering an environment which promotes DE&I & leading & leveraging robust efforts which illustrate DE&I.

OCHCO Mission Support Enterprise Project Team: For providing exceptional human capital support to the Mission Support Enterprise Organizations across NASA, paving the way for an enterprise service delivery model.

OCHMO GSE Inc. Team: The GSE Inc. team (GSE) is nominated for exceptional occupational health support to NASA during the pandemic ensuring mission continuity.

OCHMO Human Spaceflight Standards Team: For the exceptional development of high-quality streamlined human spaceflight standards that enable Human Exploration Programs in a cost-effective manner.

Roman Space Telescope Science Team: For outstanding contributions to the formulation of NASA's next Great Observatory, the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope.

Safe Use of Non-Code NASA Ground Pressure Vessels: For outstanding dedication to safety by conducting the engineering research and development necessary for the continued safe use of Ground-Based, Non-Code Pressure Vessels.

SBIR/STTR Lunar Sequentials Team: For exceptional implementation of the SBIR/STTR Lunar Sequential pilot, accelerating the infusion of key technologies to NASA mission needs through partnership and innovation.

SMD Class D Mar Document: For outstanding accomplishment of developing Mission Assurance requirements for SMD Class D missions, enabling project teams to optimize mission innovation within cost caps.

Staffing 2.0: For the outstanding implementation and launch of NASA's new hiring systems and processes.

Standing Review Board for the Simplex-2 Program: For utmost dedication and exemplary performance in the simultaneous review of three ambitious Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration rideshare missions.

Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) Team: For exceptional leadership to complete the challenging work for all sub-systems of SWOT payload integration and testing during COVID-19 stand down and teleworking environment.

The Globe Program: For outstanding service to the worldwide Earth science research and education community that enables NASA's mission and supports the next generation of scientists.

The Research Collective: For exceptional innovation in successfully addressing ongoing executive staffing challenges among NASA Research Centers and conducting a cross-center pilot for Agency use.

****2020 NASA Technology Taxonomy Development Team:*** For outstanding contribution and teamwork in the development of the 2020 NASA Technology Taxonomy.

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Silver Achievement Medal - Individual

This prestigious NASA Silver Achievement Medal is awarded to Government and non-Government individuals or teams by NASA Center Directors for a stellar achievement that supports one or more of NASA's Core Values, when it is deemed to be extraordinarily important.

Pietro Campanella: For your outstanding service over 35 years to promote the Agency's commitment to inspire new and innovative solutions for many projects to achieve mission success.

Michelle Jones: For Superior performance in Leading the Goddard Space Flight Center to accomplish their goals in the face of multiple challenges.

Brian Odom: For outstanding contributions in preserving and communicating NASA's rich history, especially NASA's role in promoting civil rights, diversity and social justice.

Katrina Virts: For exceptional leadership, proactive support, and comprehensive analytics in NASA's Satellite Needs Working Group 2020 Assessment Process.

Silver Group Achievement Award

This prestigious NASA certificate is awarded to any combination of Government and/or non-Government individuals for a stellar achievement that supports one or more of NASA's Core Values, when it is deemed to be extraordinarily important and appropriate to recognize such achievement in a timely and personalized manner.

Artemis Integrated Communications and Partnerships: For exemplary teamwork across NASA and our industry, and international and academic partners to build the Artemis brand, inspiring and informing a global audience.

Mars 2020 Name the Rover Contest Team: For outstanding engagement and education of the public in the science and engineering challenges of the Mars 2020 rover mission and NASA's ongoing exploration of Mars.

Stennis Space Center Green Run Team: For outstanding judgement, discerning rational and subsequent preparation that led to the successful completion of the Artemis 1 Core Stage open work and Green Run Test.

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Excellence in Achievement Award

This award recognizes employees who have demonstrated a history of service and/or achievement to support the mission of Headquarters.

Jena Garraby: For providing secure, robust, and reliable space communications services for NASA missions.

James Favors: For outstanding service to the Heliophysics Division and NASA in the first year as a Program Executive.

Jared Leisner: For outstanding service to the Heliophysics Division as a Program Scientist.

Laura Lorenzoni: For outstanding leadership of the Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry Program, especially in implementing the successful 2021 EXPORTS field campaign.

Krishna Vadrevu: For outstanding, high-impact achievements in implementing an exemplary research program in South/Southeast Asia with high-quality outputs for the international community.

Nadya Vinogradova Shiffer: For outstanding leadership of the physical oceanography program and work as program scientist on NASA satellite missions.

Pamela Throckmorton: For outstanding leadership in leading the fiscal and budgetary operations resulting in significant contributions to the NASA HQ mission.

Alexander Kratz: For exceptional achievement in enhancing OCHCO's operations, decision transparency and velocity, and risk management process.

Excellence in Collaboration Award

This award recognizes outstanding collaborative achievement that improved efficiency and effectiveness or resulted in a significant contribution to the mission of Headquarters (e.g., innovative efforts performed by the team that resulted in significant savings or other highly visible benefits).

Agency Energy/Water Outreach and Awareness Team: For outstanding collaboration in fostering an Agency-wide culture of energy and water conservation while also reducing Center energy and water management program workload.

COR Program Manager and Training Coordinators: For exceptional leadership and management of the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) FAITAS Transition Initiative.

Cross Agency Diverse Contract Closeout Capability: For exceptional leadership and collaboration of the development of Contract Closeout Guidance and Training to eliminate waste under government contracts.

Culture and Workforce – Digital Transformation: For exceptional collaboration which resulted in innovative accomplishments of culture and workforce initiatives in support of digital transformation.

Earth Science Disasters Team: For outstanding service and exceptional dedication in enabling NASA Earth Science contributions for disaster support and relief efforts.

FY22 CJ/Budget Briefing Book Development Team: For outstanding collaboration, under extraordinary circumstances, in ensuring the on-time release of the President's fiscal 2022 budget request for NASA.

HQ Procurement Portfolio Managers: For outstanding achievement in transforming NASA's Decentralized Procurement Model to an Enterprise Operating Model.

OCFO HQ Front Office Team: For outstanding collaboration successfully supporting multiple Administration and Leadership transitions during a challenging year in the OCFO.

NASA Web Modernization Team: For outstanding dedication to modernize the Agency's web environment by consolidating, archiving, and creating a new design and content management system for all to use.

Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion Achievement Award

This award recognizes an individual and/or team who made a significant contribution to support Headquarters' commitment to foster an environment that provides equal opportunity for all and creates or promotes a diverse and inclusive work environment in support of our Agency Unity Campaign.

Magdiel Santana: For exceptional service as chair of the NASA Hispanic Outreach and Leadership Alliance.

OCE DEIA Team: For outstanding leadership and contribution to support OCE's commitment to foster and promote a diverse and inclusive work environment.

Leadership Award

This award recognizes employees whose vision and initiative motivates others to create a new and powerful organizational future that is aligned with the goals, strategies, and values of the Headquarters mission.

Susan Chang: For outstanding leadership of the Space Communications and Navigation's Program Network Services Division and overseeing a team that benefits all corners of the Agency.

Drew Hope: For exemplifying outstanding leadership in the execution and management of the Technology Maturation Program in the Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD).

Patrick Murphy: For outstanding leadership and stakeholder engagement to successfully forge the first major coalition projects for NASA's Enterprise Digital Transformation initiative.

Influential Leaders Award

This award recognizes the employee who exemplifies the qualities of a great leadership behavior performing in a non-leadership role.

Kyle Back: For exemplifying the qualities of great leadership while managing and coordinating office and administrative operations for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Max Bernstein: For outstanding leadership of NASA's scientific research enterprise that inspires others and fosters pride in the NASA mission.

Brandon Haygood: For outstanding HQ learning and development services.

Frederic Krage: For outstanding leadership in advancing NASA's Mission Resilience and Protection Program with the development of new NASA and National Space policy.

Meagan Thompson: For exceptional leadership across the Planetary Science Division.

Excellence in Customer Service Award

This award recognizes individuals who promoted or provided sustained, superior products or services to internal and external customers.

Barbara Birch: For outstanding customer service in the HQ Travel Office.

Joyce Rhym: For outstanding leadership and exceptional customer service to the OCE Management functions.

Angela Smallwood: For outstanding leadership implementing electronic routing processes on behalf of the Science Mission Directorate.

Felicia Smith: For exceptional customer service in providing employee relations support to achieve mission objectives at Headquarters.

Excellence in Innovation Award

Recognizes exemplary use and implementation of innovative concepts and leveraging best practices that significantly improve existing or new processes that answers humanity's call to push innovation.

Carol Galica: For being instrumental in successfully establishing and executing the Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative, including standing up the new Lunar Surface Innovation Consortium.

Delia Santiago-Materese: For outstanding leadership in innovation within the Research and Analysis program of the Planetary Science Division.

Jason Townsend: For outstanding contributions in developing innovative approaches to how the Office of Communications (OCOMM) enterprise accomplishes its work and advances the NASA mission.

Unsung Hero Award

Recognizes the accomplishments of an individual or group/team, who help achieve success in ways that may not be easily seen or measured in goals and objectives.

Theresa Carta: For exceptional dedication and service to the smooth running and success of the Planetary Science Division team.

Loura Hall: For outstanding contributions toward constantly improving STMD's web presence, supporting NASA communications and increasing stakeholder, public, and student engagement.

Lewis Dotson: For outstanding support of all aspects of NASA's external cost and schedule reporting, as well as volunteering to accept additional responsibilities during a challenging year.

Kelly Fast: For exceptional performance in management, operations and the success of the Planetary Defense Coordination Office to detect and warn of natural impact hazards to Earth.

Erin Mahoney: For outstanding support of the System Engineering and Integration's standup and integration into the Human Exploration and Operation's Mission Directorate.

Ray Ronald: For outstanding contributions to the analytical capabilities Strategic Investments Division.

Emily Sylak-Glassman: For exceptional achievements in advancing innovative uses of NASA Earth Science information in service to society.

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