Hi, I'm NASA Kennedy's Alicia Ortiz taking you inside KSC.

NASA and SpaceX are preparing for the company's next commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station. The flight, called SpaceX CRS-9, will carry nearly 4,900 pounds of supplies and science to the orbiting laboratory. It's also delivering an International Docking Adapter that will serve as a port for future visiting spacecraft, including the Commercial Crew spacecraft that will bring astronauts to the station.

Liftoff is slated for Monday morning, July 18 at 12:45 a.m. Eastern time.

Employees gathered to celebrate Kennedy's innovators during Tuesday's KickStart Showcase. The all-day event began with plaques presented to each employee listed on a patent within the past few years.

The Showcase featured winners from every year since the KickStart competition began.
in 2012.

The KickStart Showcase and KickStart competition are part of Kennedy's annual Innovation Expo, which highlights new technologies in development at the space center.

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