Hello, this is Charlie Bolden.

Space exploration by its very nature conjures up images of blazing rockets, daring astronauts and the mysteries that lie beyond our planet.

For more than 50 years, NASA has fulfilled that promise and for the past 13+ years, astronauts from America and around the world have lived and worked in outer space aboard the most amazing orbiting laboratory in human history – the International Space Station (ISS).

With the construction of the Space Station now complete, for the past several years NASA has been focused on the full use of its scientific potential.

Today, at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, we are launching an education effort designed to better inform the public about the important research that is occurring onboard and how it is now being focused to help NASA chart our path to Mars.
“Destination Station: ISS Science Forum”
is an opportunity to engage the public, the

academic community and the media in a discussion
with NASA experts, including astronauts aboard

the Space Station, about current and upcoming
research on the ISS – much of it focused

on improving life on Earth.

We are most excited about the space station’s
role in conducting the research and testing

the technologies that will allow NASA to send
humans farther into the solar system than

ever before.

As you know, NASA is now leveraging the capabilities
of the Space Station and all of our programs

and missions to achieve the President’s
bold goals of sending humans to an asteroid

by 2025 and to Mars by the 2030s.

It all begins with the research in microgravity
that is being conducted on the International

Space Station.

Today's Destination Station: ISS Science
Forum is just the first of a series of opportunities

to educate and engage the NASA community about how the Space Station is helping us achieve our path to Mars.

To watch today’s event, tune into NASA TV from 3:30 to 4:30 pm EDT.

Stay tuned for future updates.