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Destination Station: ISS Science Forum

Hello, this is Charlie Bolden.\h

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Space exploration by its very nature conjures up images of blazing rockets, daring astronauts

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and the mysteries that lie beyond our planet.\h

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For more than 50 years, NASA has fulfilled that promise and for the past 13+ years, astronauts

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from America and around the world have lived and worked in outer space aboard the most

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amazing orbiting laboratory in human history – the International Space Station (ISS).\h

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With the construction of the Space Station now complete, for the past several years NASA

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has been focused on the full use of its scientific potential.\h

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Today, at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, we are launching an education effort designed

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to better inform the public about the important research that is occurring onboard and how

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it is now being focused to help NASA chart our path to Mars.

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“Destination Station:\h ISS Science Forum” is an opportunity to engage the public, the

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

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

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on improving life on Earth.\h

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

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

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ever before.\h

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

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

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by 2025 and to Mars by the 2030s.\h

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

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Space Station.\h

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

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to educate and engage the NASA community about
how the Space Station is helping us achieve

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our path to Mars.\h