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A commercial resupply mission heads to the space station ...

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Watching Earth breathe from space ...

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And dealing with the impact threat of near-Earth objects ... a few of the stories to tell you

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about – This Week at NASA!

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On May 3, a SpaceX Dragon cargo spacecraft launched atop the company's Falcon 9 rocket

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to the International Space Station, from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

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Inside the Dragon are supplies and critical materials to support dozens of the more than

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250 science and research investigations scheduled to occur during Expeditions 59 and 60.

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Once attached to the station, the Dragon will stay there until late May – when it will

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return to Earth with research and cargo.

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The Orbiting Carbon Observatory-3, or OCO-3

instrument is among the research being delivered

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to the space station on the SpaceX Dragon.

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OCO-3 will take advantage of the station's orbital inclination to measure and map atmospheric

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carbon dioxide in great detail.

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Data from it and its predecessor, OCO-2, will paint the most detailed picture ever of human

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and plant influences on the carbon cycle and in turn, climate – an interaction that NASA

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and others in the scientific community closely monitor.

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NASA Administrator, Jim Bridenstine testified during a May 1 Senate hearing on NASA's

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2020 budget request.

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Our budget supports a bold program of commercial lunar landers to send science tools and technology

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demonstrations to the Moon.

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It also provides for development of human lunar landers in collaboration with commercial

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and international partners.

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On April 29, Administrator Bridenstine delivered the keynote address at the International Academy

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of Astronautics' 2019 Planetary Defense Conference, near Washington, D.C.

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The five-day conference featured a fictional asteroid impact scenario designed to give

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conference participants the opportunity to simulate a response to a hypothetical asteroid

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impacting Earth.

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NASA experts also talked about the agency's first mission to demonstrate a technique to

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change the motion of an asteroid in space, and other aspects of the nation's planetary

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defense program.

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A "Future of Space" educational forum April 29 at NASA Headquarters, provided an

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opportunity for college students to learn
more about the agency's Moon to Mars exploration

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plans.

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NASA astronaut Tracy Dyson moderated a panel
that included Administrator Bridenstine and

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other senior officials discussing our planned
approach for going forward to the Moon.

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There were also video profiles highlighting
what it is like to work at NASA, and a live

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talk with our Nick Hague and Christina Koch
aboard the International Space Station.

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NASA is working to send American astronauts
to the Moon's South Pole by 2024 to help

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lay the foundation that will eventually enable
human exploration of Mars.

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During the final level of competition for
our 3D-Printed Habitat Challenge, two teams

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combined creativity and cutting-edge technology
to manufacture sustainable shelters for deep-space

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habitation during exploration missions, including to the Moon and Mars.

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The multi-level challenge, which began in 2015, has a total prize purse of \$3.15 million.

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That's what's up this week @NASA ...