

A large, dark, circular solar panel structure is positioned on a lunar surface. The structure consists of a central vertical column with several thin, vertical support struts. At the top of the column, a large, flat, circular solar panel is mounted. The panel is divided into a grid of smaller rectangular cells. The entire structure is set against a dark, starry background, suggesting a night view of the moon. The lunar surface is visible in the foreground, showing a rocky and cratered terrain.

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THIS WEEK @ NASA

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Looking to power  
surface exploration on the Moon ...

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00:00:03,870 --> 00:00:06,072  
New imagery from the surface of Mars ....

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00:00:06,072 --> 00:00:08,241  
And our newest flight directors ...

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00:00:08,241 --> 00:00:11,511  
a few of the stories to tell you  
about – This Week at NASA!

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00:00:12,846 --> 00:00:16,816  
NASA and the U.S. Department of Energy  
have selected three design

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concept proposals for a fission surface  
power system design that could be ready

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to launch on a demo mission to the Moon  
by the end of the decade.

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Fission systems are relatively

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small, lightweight, and could enable  
continuous power regardless

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of location, available sunlight,  
or other environmental conditions.

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This technology would benefit future

exploration under our Artemis program.

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For more information about NASA's investments in space technology,

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visit: [nasa.gov/spacetech](https://nasa.gov/spacetech).

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NASA's Curiosity

Mars rover has spent the past year

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traveling through a transition zone on the Red Planet, from a clay-rich region

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to one filled with a salty mineral called sulfate.

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Imagery captured of rock formations in this "transition zone"

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is visually stunning, but could also provide evidence that a major shift

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occurred in the planet's climate billions of years ago

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which led to the dry conditions that we see today.

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Curiosity will celebrate its 10th year on Mars Aug. 5.

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For more information about  
Curiosity, visit: [nasa.gov/curiosity](http://nasa.gov/curiosity).

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NASA has seven new flight directors.

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After completing a comprehensive training  
program, Heidi Brewer, Ronak Dave,

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Chris Dobbins, Garrett Hehn,

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Nicole McElroy, Elias Myrmo,

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and Diana Trujillo will oversee operations  
of the International Space Station,

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commercial crew, and Artemis  
missions to the Moon.

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On June 18, Howard  
University in Washington, D.C.

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hosted a screening of the NASA  
documentary, "The Color of Space."

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The documentary features  
thought-provoking conversation

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between current and former  
Black astronauts recounting the influences

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and inspirations  
that put them on the path to NASA,

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and what they experienced  
on their journeys to the agency.

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Some of the astronauts also gave advice  
and shared personal stories

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of hope and resilience

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to students who have aspirations  
of following in their footsteps.

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The 50-minute documentary is available  
for free to the public on NASA TV,

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the NASA app, NASA social media  
channels, and the agency's website.

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Vice President Kamala Harris and Second  
Gentleman Douglas

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Emhoff recently hosted an event  
at the Naval Observatory

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that included NASA

## STEM education activities for military

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families, and local students  
and their families.

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The event also featured  
a special screening of the Disney Pixar

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film, "Lightyear." Several current NASA  
astronauts attended the event,

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including Tom Marshburn,  
who was the NASA technical consultant

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on the film, Stephanie  
Wilson, and Jasmin Moghbeli.

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Former astronaut and NASA  
associate administrator

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for Education, Leland  
Melvin was also there.

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Our Office of STEM engagement  
seeks to attract and engage a diverse

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group of students to STEM fields  
to contribute to NASA's work

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and to build a diverse

future STEM workforce.

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