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WHAT IS ASCEND?

ASCEND is for risk-takers, disruptors, and innovators

It is the most forward-thinking space conference in the world. Launched by AIAA, ASCEND brings together the right people to discuss fundamental questions and deliver solutions that will advance the global space community. We combine technical and non-technical content in a highly engaging and intentional way so attendees can play an active role in contributing to the building of our off-world civilization. ASCEND is packed with value for the disruptors and innovators that we love the best.

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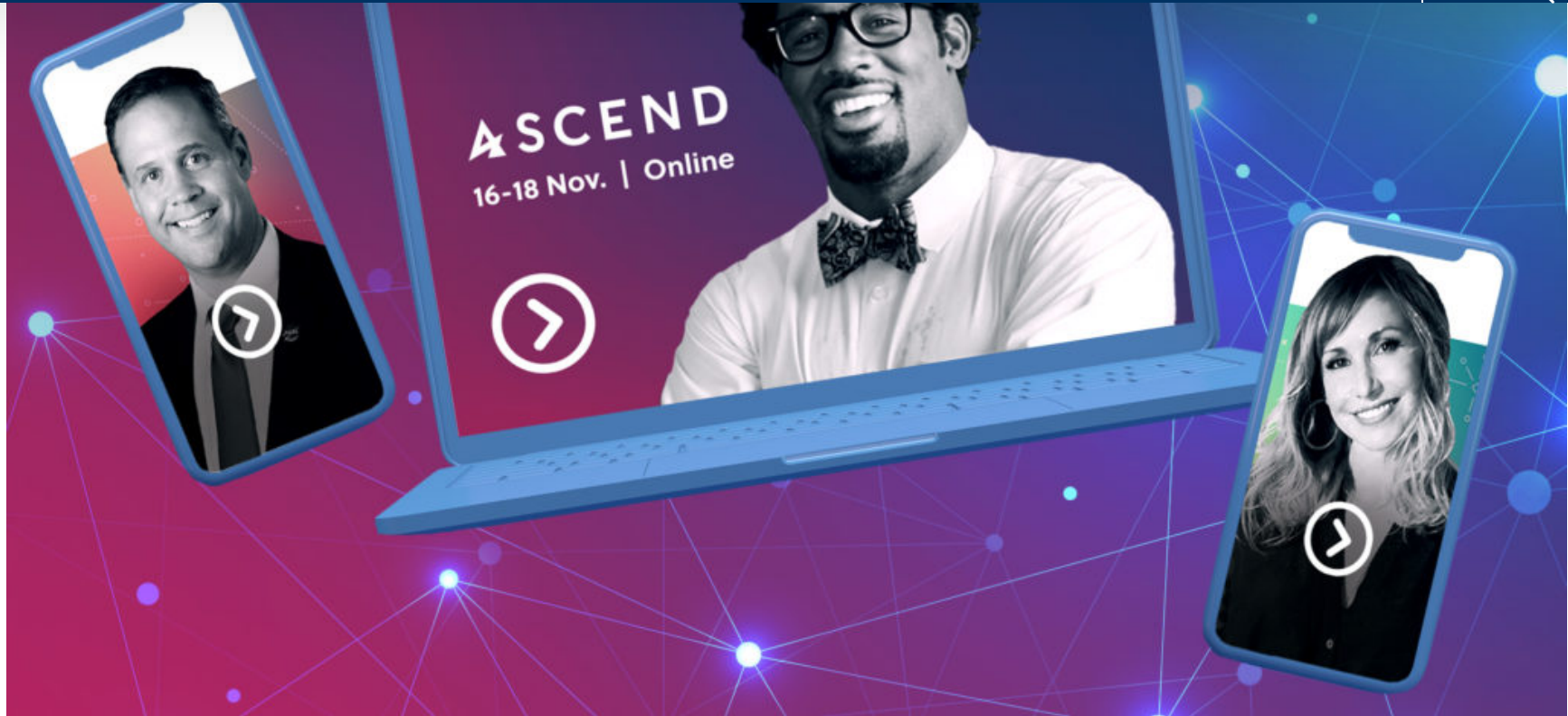
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Secretary of the Air Force





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Administrator, NASA





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Marillyn A. Hewson

Executive Chairman, Lockheed Martin Corporation





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Dhani Jones

Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, NFL Linebacker, Author and Host





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Kari Byron

Producer and Television Personality





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Gen John Raymond, USSF

Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force





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Kathy Lueders

Assoc. Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations, NASA





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Andy Weir

Author, The Martian and Artemis





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Steve Jurvetson

Venture Capitalist and Co-Founder of Future Ventures



Harrison Schmitt

Apollo 17 Astronaut and Former US Senator





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ADM James O. Ellis, Jr., USN (Ret.)

Chairman, Users' Advisory Group, National Space Council



Dava Newman

Apollo Program Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology





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Moriba Jah

Associate Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, University of Texas at Austin



Michael Costas

General Manager, Defense and Space, Bechtel





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Lisa Rich

Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Xplore Inc. – Space As A Service



Shawna Pandya

Scientist-astronaut candidate with Project PoSSUM





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Alec Gallimore

Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering, University of Michigan



Ariel Ekblaw

Founder and Lead, Space Exploration Initiative, MIT Media Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology





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President and Chief Executive Officer, United Launch Alliance



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ASCEND is the international space community's first event focused entirely on getting humanity's off-world future off the ground. By bringing together traditional players like propulsion, national security, commerce, and science along with many new to the space, like hospitality, tourism, mining, and entrepreneurs, ASCEND not only gives you a platform to advance your career and broaden your contacts within the industry, but it'll serve as the point of departure for the burgeoning space economy as it skyrockets from \$4 billion today to more than \$1 trillion in the next twenty years. Are you ready to ASCEND?

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ASCEND attendees come from every background and sector, playing an important role in accelerating the space economy. Hear their inspiring stories and ambitious missions.

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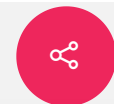
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July 21, 2020

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Join 3,000 engineers, scientists, policymakers, investors, civil and government leaders, national-security experts, researchers, and media at ASCEND—a new, immersive event designed to accelerate space commerce, exploration, and new discovery.

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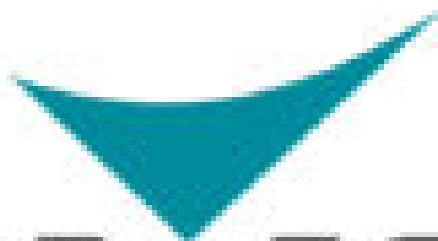
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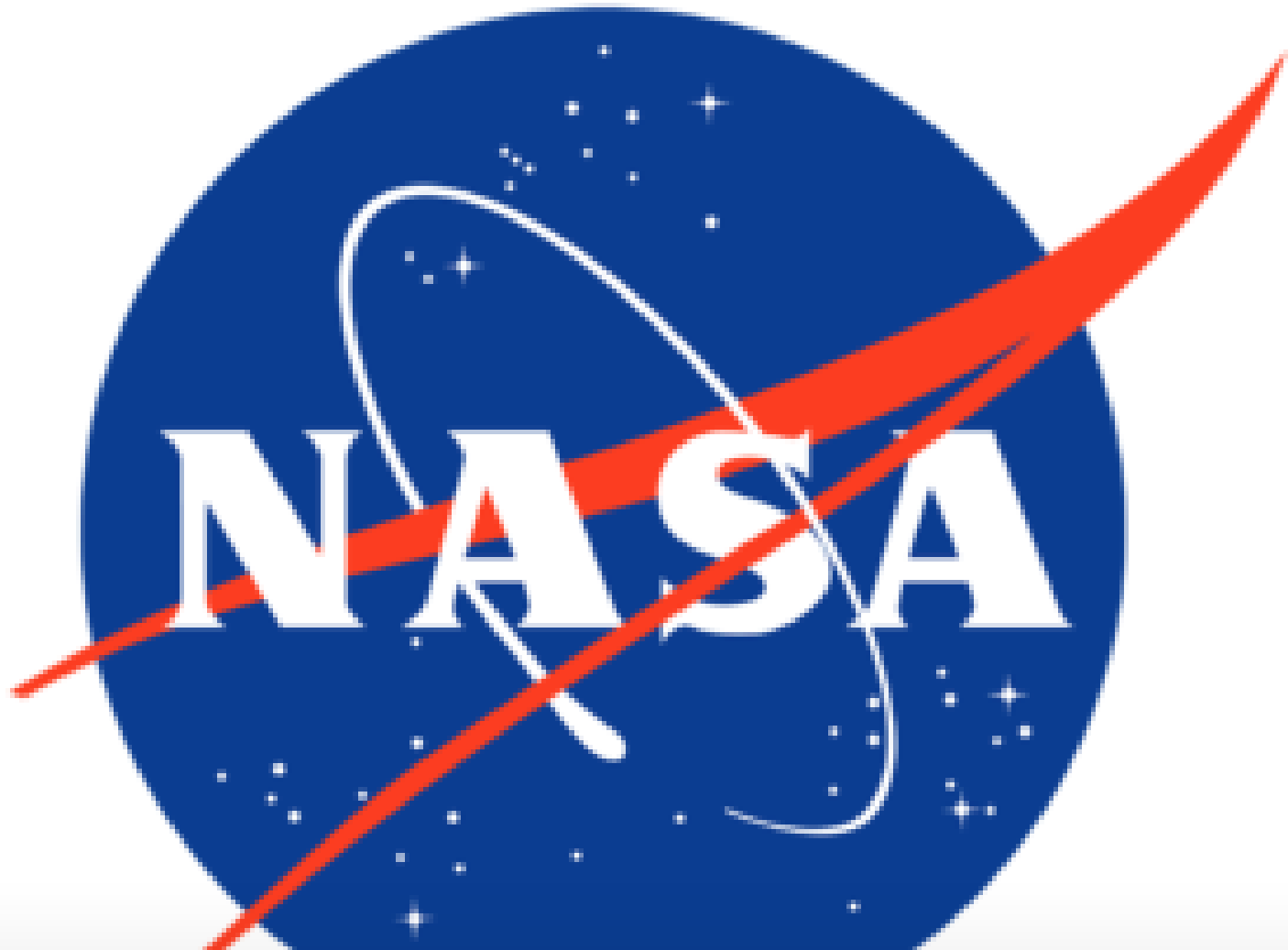
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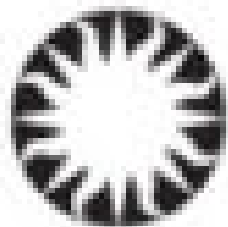
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