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Presents

NASA - Exploration For Our Future

Russell Romanella

Former Director of Safety and Mission Assurance

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10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Abstract

Romanella explores the current Human and Robotic Exploration Missions within NASA, where we are and where we are heading now that the Space Shuttle is retired. He explores the role of the Space Station program as well as exploration of the solar system and beyond including Mars, Saturn, the asteroid belt, and NASA's plan to return to the Moon and on to Mars.

Biography

Romanella has over 30 years of NASA experience. He has had many leadership positions at the Kennedy Space Center during his career including International Space Station and Spacecraft Processing Director, Associate Director for Engineering and Technical, and most recently Director of Safety and Mission Assurance. Romanella joined NASA in 1982 as a co-op student while attending Florida State University where he received his degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. Romanella's broad range of experiences include Space Shuttle processing, the International Space Station, and NASA's Exploration program. Romanella has received numerous achievement and performance awards including NASA's Exceptional Service Medal, the Center Director Award, and the Presidential Rank Award for his leadership in preparing Space Station elements for launch from the Kennedy Space Center. Romanella has given over 500 lectures and presentations on the history of space exploration and the exciting current and future exploration plans.



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