

# VIRTUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND STEM ACTIVITIES FOR GLOBAL YOUTH ON FEB. 13

*Space Settlement 2021, the National Space Society's Free Virtual Conference, Streams Live Next Weekend*

WASHINGTON, D.C., US, February 10, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Space Settlement 2021](#) is a free virtual event streaming at 9 am PST/noon EST on Saturday, February 13, presented by the National Space Society and the [International Space Settlement Design Competitions](#)®. The presentation showcases the technologies, people, and organizations that will lead us to the human settlement of space. Space

Settlement 2021 presents the finest minds of the new space age, with experts discussing the latest visions of humanity's migration into space: where we will go, why we will go there, and how we will do so. Highlights include a global STEM space settlement competition, incremental steps

to space settlement happening today, the classic ideas of Dr. Gerard K. O'Neill, new initiatives by visionaries such as Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, and other NewSpace visionaries, and much more.

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"Space Settlement 2021 includes speakers from the invitation-only, exclusive Space Settlement Summit presented by the National Space Society, a number of new presentations by leading NewSpace visionaries, and the International Space Settlement Design Competitions, an incredible space/STEM event that allows students all over

the world to compete in space design. This will be one of the premier space events of the year,



and a unique opportunity for young people to become more engaged with space STEM,” said Rod Pyle, Editor-in-Chief of Ad Astra magazine and one of the event producers.

The last two hours of this seven-hour presentation highlight the International Space Settlement Design Competitions, held each year at locations around the globe and with finalists gathering at the Kennedy Space Center. The ISSDC® allows students from all over the world to work together in groups simulating aerospace industry proposal teams—overseen by seasoned aerospace professionals—to develop and present formal designs for future space settlements.

Anita Gale, founder of the ISSDC competitions, said, “The Space Settlement 2021 event is an opportunity for the general public to hear what professionals and visionaries in the space settlement technical community are saying about humanity’s future in space. Join us for the last two hours of the event programming to see students from around the world describing how the Space Settlement Design Competition changed their lives.”



Janet Ivey, President of Explore Mars and Governor of the National Space Society



Famed sci-fi authors Gregory Benford, Larry Niven, and David Brin join artist Eric Gignac and moderator Dave Dressler to examine the future of space settlement

Space Settlement 2021 will be available on Facebook, YouTube, e360tv.com, and on services such as Roku, AppleTV, Amazon Fire, and others. See [spacesettlement2021.nss.org](https://spacesettlement2021.nss.org) for more information on streaming times and venues. The presentation will also be simulcast on Space.com, the premier website for breaking space news.

Special guests include:

- Acclaimed science fiction authors David Brin, Gregory Benford, and Larry Niven
- Top NASA and leading aerospace executives

- Student leaders in space STEM and related fields
- National Space Society leaders
- Tariq Malik, Editor-in-Chief of Space.com and Rod Pyle, Editor-in-Chief of Ad Astra magazine
- Janet Ivey, creator of the acclaimed “Janet’s Planet” and president of Explore Mars
- Isaac Arthur of the award-winning “Science and Futurism with Isaac Arthur”
- Martine Rothblatt, Chair and CEO of United Therapeutics and transhumanism visionary
- Jeff Greason, Chief Technologist of Electric Sky and Chair of the Tau Zero Foundation
- Pascal Lee, NASA Ames Research Center, founder of the Mars Institute, and planetary scientist
- Alan Stern, planetary scientist and Principal Investigator on NASA’s New Horizons mission
- Andy Aldrin, former executive at United Launch Alliance and educator at Florida Tech
- Greg Autry, Vice President for Space Development for the National Space Society

And many more. Join us for this very special presentation to learn more about space entrepreneurship, opportunities in space and STEM fields, and about the ultimate human migration into space. Space Settlement 2021 is free to all.

For more information go to [spacesettlement2021.nss.org](https://spacesettlement2021.nss.org).

The National Space Society was founded in 1987 via a merger of the National Space Institute, founded by NASA’s Wernher von Braun, and the L5 Society, based on the work of space settlement pioneer Gerard K. O’Neill. NSS is the preeminent citizen’s voice on space exploration and development.

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