An Astronaut Lands in Asheville

**MEDIA ALERT**

**WHAT:** An Astronaut Lands in Asheville

**WHO:** Former NASA astronaut Joan Higginbotham and The Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS)

**WHERE:** AMOS, 43 Patton Avenue, Asheville

**WHEN:** Friday, July 27th, 1:30 – 3:3:00 pm. Doors open at 1:00. Presentation begins at 1:30.

**INFO:** AMOS is hosting “An Astronaut Lands in Asheville.” The event features former NASA astronaut Joan Higginbotham, who will give a presentation on science, space, STEM education, and her remarkable career. Ms. Higginbotham began her work for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center, where she supported a total of 53 space shuttle missions. In 1996, she was selected as an astronaut candidate, and ten years later, flew aboard Space Shuttle *Discovery* mission STS-116 as a mission specialist. She is only the third African American woman to go into space, logging 308 hours during the STS-116 mission. Ms. Higginbotham is a recipient of the Adler Planetarium Women in Space Science Award and the NASA Exception Service Medal. She is currently the Director of Social Corporate Responsibility at UTC Aerospace Systems in Mooresville, North Carolina.

Following the presentation, there will be themed-activities for visitors and an opportunity for photos. Seating is limited. Tickets are $5 for museum members and $12 for non-members. Tickets are available online at [ashevillescience.org](http://www.ashevillescience.org).

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