

George Abbey comments – Bonnie Dunbar Reception

George Abbey, former head of the Johnson Space Center, regrets that he could not join us today, but has the utmost respect and admiration for Dr. Dunbar.

“It has been my good fortune to have known and worked with Bonnie for over 30 years. I hired Bonnie to come and work as a flight controller at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, and subsequently selected her as an astronaut. Bonnie has performed in both roles in a truly superlative fashion. She has flown 5 missions in space, that have each contributed to significantly advancing science and human understanding and knowledge. As an astronaut and later as a manager, she has pioneered international cooperation in space, playing a major role with both our European and Russian partners and has earned the respect of the international space community. Bonnie has accomplished a great deal throughout a very distinguished career but she has always been passionate about trying to help other young men and women realize their dreams. Her accomplishments and her inherent desire to help others have made Bonnie a credit, to not only her profession, but to her community, her state and the nation. We are all better individuals for having known and worked with Bonnie Dunbar.”