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NASA astronauts Kate Rubins, left, and Jeff Williams prepare to grapple the SpaceX Dragon supply spacecraft from aboard the International Space Station. The nearly 5,000 pounds of supplies and equipment includes science supplies and hardware, including instruments to perform the first-ever DNA sequencing in space, and the first of two identical international docking adapters (IDA.) The IDAs will provide a means for commercial crew spacecraft to dock to the station in the near future as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program. Dragon is scheduled to depart the space station Aug. 29 when it will return critical science research back to Earth. Photo credit: NASA

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NASA'S LAUNCH SCHEDULE

Targeted Date: Aug. 22
Mission: Orbital ATK CRS-5
Description: Orbital ATK's Cygnus fifth cargo delivery to the International Space Station is targeted for no earlier than an Aug. 22 launch on the Antares rocket from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport's Pad OA at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.
<http://go.nasa.gov/293FCLC>

Date: Sept. 6
Mission: Expedition 48 Crew Landing
Description: NASA astronaut Jeff Williams and cosmonauts Alexey Ovchinin and Oleg Skripochka of Roscosmos will undock their TMA-20M Soyuz spacecraft from the Poisk module of the International Space Station and return to Earth, landing in Kazakhstan.
<http://go.nasa.gov/2a4GLAi>

Date: Sept. 8, 7:05 p.m. EDT
Mission: OSIRIS-REx
Description: The mission will study Bennu, a near-Earth asteroid that is about one-third of a mile across. OSIRIS-REx will bring a small sample back to Earth for study. As planned, the spacecraft will reach its asteroid target in 2018 and return a sample to Earth in 2023.
<http://go.nasa.gov/1tsRkl>

Date: Sept. 23
Mission: Expedition 49 Launch
Description: NASA astronaut Shane Kimbrough and cosmonauts Andrey Borisenko and Sergey Ryzhikov of the Russian space agency Roscosmos will launch to the space station Sept. 23 aboard the Soyuz MS-02 spacecraft from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
<http://go.nasa.gov/2as0WLv>

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I am KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

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I created, introduced, and implemented the massage therapy program at Kennedy Space Center in March of 2002. This fortunate circumstance has been quite the blessing.

I have been fortunate enough to have a successful massage therapy career, spending 14 of my 21 years in the industry here at Kennedy.

A huge space enthusiast as a child, I wanted to work at Kennedy more than anywhere else in the world. This was where astronauts launched toward the stars and it didn't get any better than that. For a simple girl from Brooklyn, New York, who made her dream come true and who at night would look up to the stars, I'd have to say that it looks like those same stars were looking down at me and blessing me.

I eat, sleep and breathe space. NASA recognized that passion in me for space along with my experience as a successful massage practitioner and allowed me to do what I most love, taking care of people and helping them enrich their lives through health, wellness and especially massage therapy.

More than anything else in this life as far as my career and passion go, I hope and wish to continue to serve and give 100 percent of my dedication, expertise and passion to the workforce at Kennedy for as long as I am able to.

Being able to make my passion and dream of working at Kennedy happen has truly enriched my soul, my life and my belief that if you truly work hard at something, love what you do and pursue your passion and dreams, they do and will come true.

Val "The Hands"

