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Cover: Shown is Boeing's Chris Ferguson wearing Boeing's new spacesuit designed to be worn by astronauts flying on the CST-100 Starliner. The suit is lighter and more flexible than previous spacesuits but retains the ability to pressurize in an emergency. Astronauts will wear the suit throughout the launch and ascent into orbit as well as on the way back to Earth. Starliners will launch atop Atlas V rockets from United Launch Alliance on missions including flights to the International Space Station for NASA's Commercial Crew Program. Photo credit: Boeing

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NASA'S LAUNCH SCHEDULE

Date: Mid-February
Mission: SpaceX CRS-10 Cargo Mission to International Space Station
Description: An uncrewed SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, carrying crew supplies and station hardware, will lift off on a Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center.
<http://go.nasa.gov/2jesIVU>

Date: February
Mission: Expedition 50 Undocking and Landing
Description: NASA astronaut Shane Kimbrough and cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Andrey Borisenko of the Russian space agency Roscosmos undock their Soyuz MS-02 spacecraft from the International Space Station's Poisk module and land in Kazakhstan.
<http://go.nasa.gov/2gMg3PR>

Date: March
Mission: Expedition 51 Launch
Description: Expedition 51/52 crew members NASA astronaut Jack Fischer and cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin of the Russian space agency Roscosmos launch to the International Space Station. Yurchikhin will be the Expedition 52 commander.
<http://go.nasa.gov/2gMfdmx>

Date: Targeted for March 19
Launch Window: 10:56 p.m. to 11:26 p.m. EDT
Mission: Orbital ATK Resupply Mission to International Space Station (OA-7)
Description: The Atlas V launch of Orbital ATK's Cygnus cargo craft from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida is targeted at 12:29 a.m. EST, the beginning of a 30-minute window.
<http://go.nasa.gov/2jetyfU>

No Earlier Than: June
Mission: ICON (Ionospheric Connection Explorer)
Description: The Ionospheric Connection Explorer will study the frontier of space: the dynamic zone high in our atmosphere where Earth weather and space weather meet. ICON will launch from Kwajalein Atoll aboard an Orbital ATK Pegasus.
<https://www.nasa.gov/icon>

Want to see a launch?
 All expendable vehicles launched in Central Florida begin their journeys on the launch pads of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, next door to Kennedy Space Center. Launch Transportation Tickets are available for some, but not all, of these launches. Call the KSC Visitor Complex at (321) 449-4444 for information on purchasing tickets.

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Hello! I am a lead custodian for Brevard Achievement Center (BAC) on the Custodial Services Contract at Kennedy Space Center.

I have worked at Kennedy since October 2008, but my career actually started in August 1985 on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's (CCAFS) custodial contract. I was a lead custodian on the CCAFS contract, but when I heard that BAC was awarded the Kennedy Space Center Custodial Contract, I immediately asked to be transferred to Kennedy.

I have enjoyed working at Kennedy and CCAFS for the past 31 years.

The most enjoyable part is being a part of our country's space program. I have extensive knowledge working in cleanrooms and supporting payload launches. I have been afforded the opportunity to visit many of the unique facilities at Kennedy.

I always got a thrill when I would be cleaning the Beach House and astronauts would stop by unannounced.

I have seen many launches, and I am still in awe each time a rocket launches. One of my favorite assignments has been to clean and maintain Kennedy's Press Site. What a thrill to see the launches and the activity from the media's point of view.

I thoroughly enjoy working at Kennedy, and I hope to have the opportunity to see NASA's Space Launch System and Orion launch from America's premier spaceport.

