

FINDING AID FOR THE TEACHER IN SPACE PROGRAM RECORDS 1985-2007 (#2017-0012)

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Descriptive Summary

Repository (049): University Archives

Collection # (099): #2017-0012

Title (245): Teacher in Space Program Records

Creator (100/110): Unknown

Inclusive Dates: 1985-2007

Bulk Dates: None

Extent (300): 1 linear foot (3 boxes)

Abstract

The Teacher in Space Program Records is composed of correspondence, presentations, press releases, educational records, media plans, guides, photographs, and miscellaneous materials, documenting NASA's Teacher in Space Project (TISP) program from 1984 to 2005. The collection appears to have been the personal collection of an unidentified individual connected with NASA and/or Johnson Space Center, transferred to the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections by the Johnson Space Center History Office.

Language (546): English

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access (506): None

Restrictions on Use (540): None

Acquisition Information (541)

The collection was generated by an unidentified creator with connections to NASA and/or Johnson Space Center. It was given to and transferred by Mark Scroggins, Archivist at NASA Johnson Space Center History Office, in April 2015.

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Biographical/Historical (545)

The Teacher in Space Project (TISP) was announced by U.S. President Ronald Reagan in 1984. It was a pilot program designed to inspire students, honor teachers, and spur interest in mathematics, science and space exploration. These pioneering educators, who would go into space as payload specialists (non-astronaut civilians), would then return to their classrooms and share their experiences with students. New Hampshire social studies and history teacher Christa McAuliffe made history when she became the first teacher selected to go to space as part of NASA's Teacher in Space Project on July 19, 1985.

McAuliffe served as a payload specialist on Space Shuttle *Challenger* (STS 51-L), which was launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 11:38:00 EST on January 28, 1986. She would die when the *Challenger* exploded shortly after launch. McAuliffe's backup teacher Barbara Morgan of Idaho for the 1986 *Challenger* mission. Due to the tragedy, Morgan became the Teacher in Space Designee for a number of years, partnering with NASA and doing education programs for children around the country in 1986. She would continue teaching in Idaho, but continued to partner with NASA.

Morgan was made NASA's first Educator Astronaut in 1998. She was slated to be the first teacher in space officially with the STS-118 mission for which she was selected in 2002. The flight was scheduled to launch in November 2003. However, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* (STS-107) would break apart upon re-entry into the Earth atmosphere on February 1, 2003. As a result, Morgan's mission was delayed again, and moved to the Orbiter *Endeavor*. Barbara Morgan trained as a Mission Specialist, and flew on Orbiter *Endeavor* (STS-118) on August 8, 2007, on a mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Morgan served as robotic arm operator, and transfer coordinator for materials to and from the ISS.

Scope and Content (520)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged based on purpose or topic in six series, with each of those sorted chronologically. The collection is arranged in the following series: Series I: Teacher in Space Program Information; Series II: Candidates and Selection Process; Series III: Barbara Morgan; Series IV: On Orbit Activities; Series V: News Releases and Website; and Series VI: Photos.

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
		<u>Series I: Teacher in Space Program Information</u>	
1	1	Educators Conference-Teacher in Space, Mission 51L	Jan 13, 1986
1	2	Teacher in Space Commemorative	Jan 22, 1986

1	3	Administrators Guests Schedule, STS 51L Launch	Jan 24, 1986
1	4	IAF '86 Congress of International Astronautical Federation	Oct 4-11, 1986
1	5	Challenger Center Info and Correspondence	1986-1996
1	6	Teacher in Space Information Folder	1986-1998
1	7	Where we've been... Educational Affairs Program	July 15, 1987
1	8	Letters of Endorsement	1991-1992
1	9	Teaching From Space Document	Aug, 1992
1	10	Administrator's Speech to Maxwell School	April 12, 2002
1	11	Campaign for Next Generation Document	Sept, 2002
1	12	Program Plan and Letter	2002-2003
1	13	Briefing to House Science Committee	Dec 5, 2003
1	14	SOW, Chronology, Lessons Learned	Post 2003
1	15	Educator Astronaut Program & Implementation Plan	2003-2004
1	16	FAQs & Definition of Work	2003-2005
1	17	2004 Astronaut Class Media Plan	Jan 12, 2004
1	18	Elementary & Secondary Education Presentation	Feb 18, 2004
1	19	Educator Astronaut Program STS 118	Mar, 2005
1	20	Education Review Presentation	July 7, 2005
1	21	FY07 Education Guidelines	Undated
1	22	Educator Astronaut Program Summation & Lessons Learned	Undated
1	23	Teacher in Space logo	Undated
		Series II: Candidates and Selection Process	
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1	25	Teacher in Space Application Package, Bios, and News Releases	2002-2003
1	26	Educator Astronaut Application Information	Pre-2003
1	27	Selection Process Material	2003
1	28	Application Statistics	June 4, 2003
1	29	Application Review Process	Sept 4, 2003
2	1	Teacher in Space Candidates	Undated
2	2	Educator Astronaut Nomination Certificates	Undated
		Series III: Barbara Morgan	
2	3	Barbara Morgan Biographical Data	1989-2001
2	4	"Nineteen Reasons For Teacher in Space" by Barbara Morgan	Feb 27, 1991
2	5	Barbara Morgan Flight Decision	1992
2	6	Barbara Morgan Picture and Speaking Engagements	1992-1995
2	7	Barbara Morgan Award Nomination	1995

2	8	Barbara Morgan Appearance Requests, Letters, Appreciation	1996-1997
		Series IV: On Orbit Activities	
2	9	Activities to be Filmed During STS-51L	Undated
2	10	Orbital Science Demonstrations Summary	March 15, 1991
		Series V: News Releases and Website	
2	11	NASA News Releases	1985-2002
2	12	Newspaper and Magazine Articles	1986-2003
2	13	Website Printouts	1993/Undated
		Series VI: Photos	
3	1	Miscellaneous Photos	1980-1985 and Undated
3	2	Miscellaneous Photos	Undated