



## 2008 STELLAR AWARD NOMINEES - EARLY

Rotary National Award for Space Achievement



*Stellar Award winners receive a high-quality marbled trophy such as the one shown here.*

**Jeremy H. Brand of NASA Johnson Space Center** - Technical excellence in thermal protection system materials and processes, and key contributions to the Orbiter Damage Assessment team.

**Jimmy M. Doll, Jr. of Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company** - Outstanding leadership demonstrated during the external tank-120 restoration and delivery

effort in support of the Space Shuttle Program manifest, resulting in improved understanding and reduction of external tank debris.

**Timothy A. Finkel of NASA Johnson Space Center** - Outstanding leadership in ground testing, development of operational philosophies, procedures, and safety controls culminating in the successful activation of the oxygen generator system onboard the International Space Station.

**Ryan T. Gill of The Boeing Company** - Exceptional initiative and leadership in project integration for design, build and delivery of International Space Station flight hardware, and for production implementation of an engineering design release system.

**Michael Gregory of ARES Corporation** - Significant leadership efforts in promoting knowledge management and retention to ease NASA's workforce transition while providing full support to the Vision for Space Exploration.

**1st Lt. Anna E. Gunn-Golkin of the USAF, 1st Air and Space Test Squadron** - Outstanding contributions to space material sciences, Missile Defense Agency development efforts, and community programs supporting space and aerospace education.

**Elizabeth P. Hayley of NASA Johnson Space Center** - Exceptional technical support to the Shuttle Orbiter Environmental Control and Life Support Systems team as the NASA subsystem engineer for atmosphere revitalization.

**Maj. David J. Laird of the USAF, 45th Space Wing, 45th Launch Support Squadron** - Outstanding contributions to enabling technologies for future space capabilities including communications and responsive space, and contributions to mission assurance for current spacecraft and space lift campaigns.

**Neal E. Lepsetz of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne** - Outstanding leadership, technical accomplishment, and dedication in support of space shuttle main engine test and flight operations.

**Thomas N. Martin III of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne** - Outstanding contributions to the design, development and testing of space flight injector and ignition systems.

**Capt. Jason D. Niederhauser of the USAF, 1st Air and Space Test Squadron** - Outstanding leadership in developing and testing operationally responsive space concepts and prototypes while laying the foundation for gaining and maintaining space superiority.

**Alyssa M. Olson of Space Applications International Corporation** - Exceptional safety and mission assurance contributions in addressing flight issues with the shuttle remote manipulator system and design issues with the orbiter boom sensor system and keep-alive umbilical.

**John K. Paris of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne** - Leadership and technical excellence in support of multidisciplinary simulation tools and processes for the J-2X engine, enhancement and application of tools for hypersonic propulsion, and development of an automated manifold design tool.

**Paul Albert Parker of The Boeing Company** - Exemplary contributions as lead orbiter debris analyst, ensuring shuttle thermal protection system structural integrity for Earth entry.

**1st Lt. Jodie J.E. Pleisch of the USAF, 1st Air and Space Test Squadron** - Outstanding dedication and launch mission management in overseeing two critical Missile Defense Agency test launches, enhancing national security.

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**2007 Early Career Winners (L to R):** James Reilly, II (presenting), Robert Crouch, David York, Mark Mulqueen (for Matthew Scudder), Joshua Hopkins, Capt. Brian M. Clifford, USAF, Joan Higginbotham (presenting). Dana Weigel not pictured. (NASA)

**Stephen E. Prescott of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne** - Outstanding dedication, leadership, and technical excellence in supporting safe flight of the space shuttle.

**Jessica A. Stuart of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne** - Leadership and technical excellence in enabling safe flight for the Delta II RS-27 engine and the Delta IV RS-68 engine.

**Lauren Walls of Booz Allen Hamilton** - Outstanding contribution to International Space Station assembly and maintenance by early identification and resolution of resupply needs.

**Monique S. Wilburn of NASA Johnson Space Center** - Tireless work ethic and enthusiastic dedication to the Energy Systems Division Battery Group projects.

**Heather J. Wojciechowski of ATK Launch Systems** - Outstanding initiative, enthusiasm and leadership instrumental to the successful qualification of the ATK booster separation motor for the Space Shuttle Program.

**Jody Woods of NASA Stennis Space Center** - Exceptional technical expertise and demonstrated leadership in multi-physics modeling and analysis application to rocket propulsion test systems development.

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