

Virgin Galactic Broadens Access to Space with First Private Astronaut Mission 'Galactic 02'

Historic Mission Will Fly First Olympian and First Caribbean Astronauts to Space

Flight Window Opens August 10, 2023

Spaceflight to be Livestreamed on [VirginGalactic.com](https://www.virgingalactic.com)

Virgin Galactic's seventh spaceflight and second commercial spaceflight, 'Galactic 02' will fly three private passengers to space, achieving several historical milestones and furthering Virgin Galactic's mission of broadening access to space. VSS Unity will carry 80-year-old Jon Goodwin, Olympian and early Virgin Galactic ticket holder, as well as Keisha Schahaff and Anastatia Mayers, a Caribbean mother-daughter duo who won their seats in a draw that raised funds for non-profit Space for Humanity.

The dynamic and multi-national crew highlights the role the commercial space industry can play in removing barriers that once existed to becoming an astronaut. To date, fewer than 700 people have traveled to space, with little diversity among that group. Virgin Galactic's mission is to change that – beginning with an 800 strong Future Astronaut community that represents more than 60 different nations.

GALACTIC 02

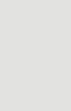
The 'Galactic 02' mission will achieve a number of historical milestones, showcasing the power of each Virgin Galactic spaceflight to help redefine who gets to be an astronaut. VSS Unity will fly:

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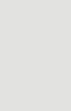
- The first astronauts from the Caribbean
- The first mother-daughter duo to go to space
- The first Olympian to go to space

2ND

- The second youngest person to go to space
- The second person with Parkinson's to go to space



This flight highlights two of Virgin Galactic's core aspirations – increasing access to space and inspiring people around the world. Each of these astronauts are role models and beacons of inspiration in their communities. Watching Keisha, Ana and Jon embark on this transformative experience helps demonstrate that space is now opening to a broader and more diverse population across the globe.



MICHAEL COLGLAZIER
CEO, Virgin Galactic



JON GOODWIN
ASTRONAUT 011

"From becoming an Olympian to canoeing between the peaks of Annapurna, to winning a six day race in the Arctic Circle, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro (and cycling back down), I've always enjoyed rising to new challenges. When I was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2014, I was determined not to let it stand in the way of living life to the fullest. And now for me to go to space with Parkinson's is completely magical. I hope this inspires all others facing adversity and shows them that challenges don't have to inhibit or stop them from pursuing their dreams."



KEISHA SCHAHAFF
ASTRONAUT 012

"When I was two years old, just looking up to the skies, I thought, 'How can I get there?' But, being from the Caribbean, I didn't see how something like this would be possible. The fact that I am here, the first to travel to space from Antigua, shows that space really is becoming more accessible. I know I will be changed by my experience, and I hope I will be able to share that energy and inspire the people around me – in my role as a life coach, a mother, and as an ambassador for our beautiful planet."



Beholding Earth from the vantage point of space bestows upon astronauts an awe-inspiring perspective, referred to as The Overview Effect, that transcends boundaries and unites humanity. It is this transformative perspective that holds one of the keys to tackling our world's most pressing challenges. At Space For Humanity, our purpose is to grant as many individuals as possible access to this life-altering viewpoint, not only for the betterment of our civilization's future, but also to confront the urgent needs of our world today. This profound awareness underscores our collective responsibility to treat one another with greater kindness, and to safeguard and cherish our home planet—the irreplaceable cradle of our existence.



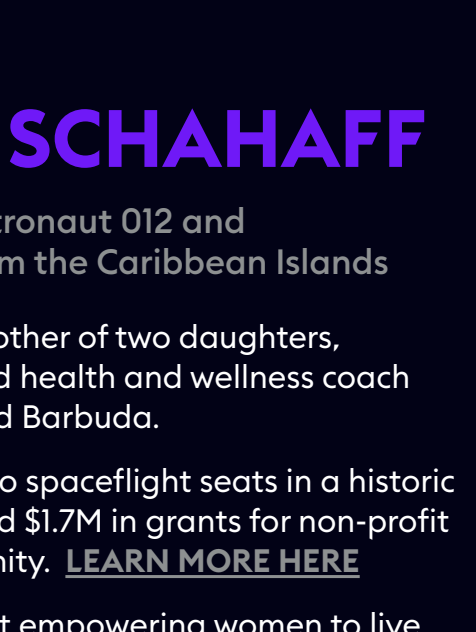
RACHEL LYONS
Executive Director, Space For Humanity

MEET THE CREW

JON GOODWIN

Virgin Galactic Astronaut 011 and First Olympian to travel to space

- An 80-year-old adventurer and first Olympian to travel to space (Jon competed in the 1972 Munich games).
- Diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2014, Jon will be only the second person to travel to space with the condition.



ASTRONAUT 011



ASTRONAUT 012

KEISHA SCHAHAFF

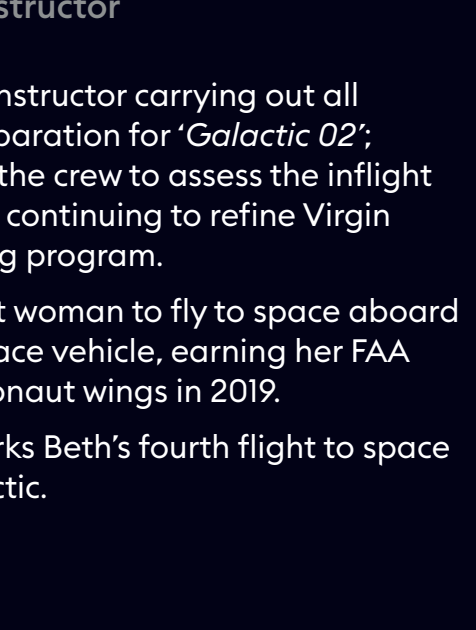
Virgin Galactic Astronaut 012 and First Astronaut from the Caribbean Islands

- A 46-year-old mother of two daughters, entrepreneur and health and wellness coach from Antigua and Barbuda.
- Beneficiary of two spaceflight seats in a historic draw which raised \$1.7M in grants for non-profit Space for Humanity. [LEARN MORE HERE](#)
- Passionate about empowering women to live their best lives.

ANASTATIA MAYERS

Virgin Galactic Astronaut 013 and Second Youngest Person to Travel to Space

- An 18-year-old university student who was born and raised in Antigua and Barbuda.
- Student at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland in her second year studying Philosophy and Physics.
- Together with Keisha, the two will become the first mother and daughter to travel to space together.



ASTRONAUT 013



ASTRONAUT 002

BETH MOSES

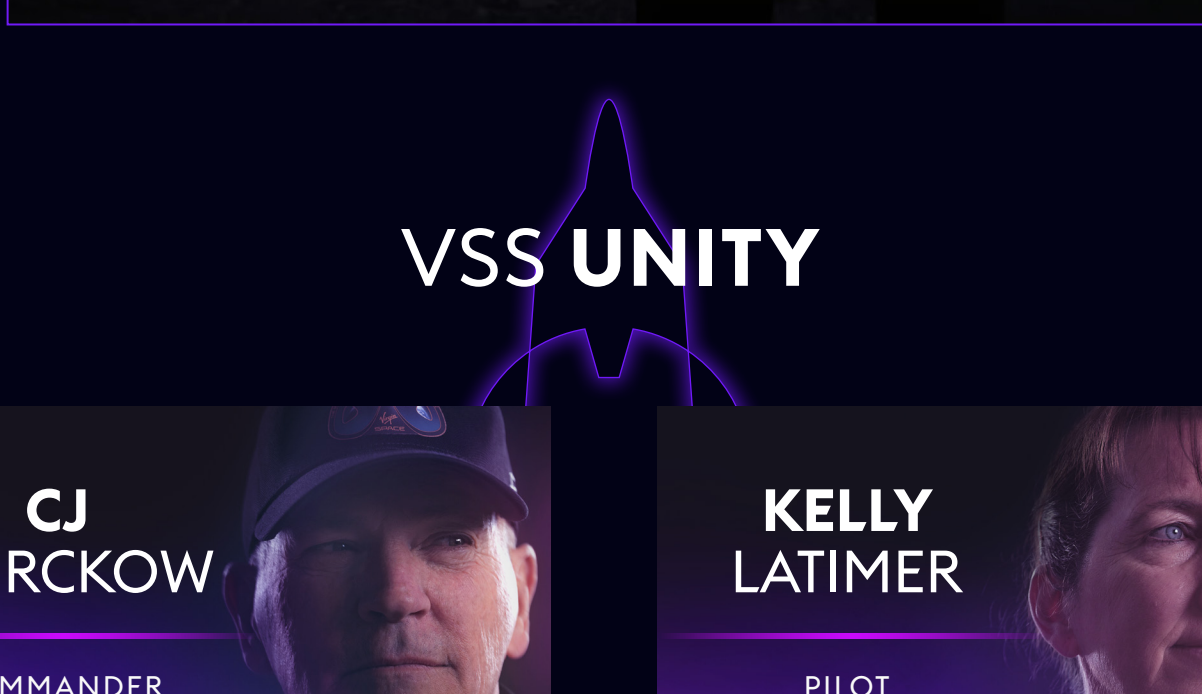
Virgin Galactic Astronaut 002 and Chief Astronaut Instructor

- Lead astronaut instructor carrying out all training and preparation for 'Galactic 02'; Beth will fly with the crew to assess the inflight experience while continuing to refine Virgin Galactic's training program.
- Beth was the first woman to fly to space aboard a commercial space vehicle, earning her FAA commercial astronaut wings in 2019.
- 'Galactic 02' marks Beth's fourth flight to space with Virgin Galactic.

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MEET THE PILOTS



VSS UNITY

CJ STURCKOW
COMMANDER

FLYING SINCE
1984

NO. OF AIRCRAFT TYPE FLOWN
65+

MAIN TYPES FLOWN
F/A-18, T-38, Space Shuttle

TOTAL EXPERIENCE
8,700+ Hours

SPACEFLIGHTS
8th

KELLY LATIMER
PILOT

FLYING SINCE
1989

NO. OF AIRCRAFT TYPE FLOWN
50+

MAIN TYPES FLOWN
T-38, C-141, C-17, T-34, B-747SP

TOTAL EXPERIENCE
7,000+ Hours

SPACEFLIGHTS
1st

VMS EVE

NICOLA PECILE
COMMANDER

FLYING SINCE
1991

NO. OF AIRCRAFT TYPE FLOWN
170+

MAIN TYPES FLOWN
Tornado FMK.3 ADV, NH-500E

TOTAL EXPERIENCE
8,000+ Hours

SPACEFLIGHTS
1

MIKE MASUCCI
PILOT

FLYING SINCE
1982

NO. OF AIRCRAFT TYPE FLOWN
80+

MAIN TYPES FLOWN
U-2, F-16, T-38, Citation X

TOTAL EXPERIENCE
10,000+ Hours

SPACEFLIGHTS
4

VIRGIN GALACTIC LIVE

GALACTIC 02

Audiences are invited to participate virtually in the spaceflight and see first-hand the extraordinary experience Virgin Galactic is creating for private astronauts.

The livestream will be available to watch on [VirginGalactic.com](https://www.virgingalactic.com)



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- 'Galactic 02' crew bios and profile shots
- SITC bios
- Previous flight images and B-roll

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About Space for Humanity

Founded by space entrepreneur Dylan Taylor in 2017, Space for Humanity is expanding access to space for all of humanity. The nonprofit created the planet's first Sponsored Citizen Astronaut Program, giving leaders, from any walk of life, the opportunity to apply to go to space and experience the Overview Effect: the cognitive shift in awareness that occurs when a human being looks down on the Earth from space. Through its citizen spaceflight program, leadership training, and collaborative efforts to educate the public, Space for Humanity is setting the stage to create the world we want, both here on Earth and throughout the cosmos. For more information, please visit www.spaceforhumanity.org

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