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Celebrating CU-Boulder's MAVEN Mission to Mars

Tuesday, October 22 Washington, D.C.





Featured Speakers Include:



Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano University of Colorado Boulder

Dr. Phil DiStefano has served CU-Boulder for 40 years beginning in 1974 as an Assistant Professor. Prior to his appointment as Chancellor in 2009, he was the top academic officer at CU-Boulder for

eight years as the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. As Chancellor, he works closely with a diverse constituent group to extend the university's legacy as a preeminent national comprehensive research university and co-chaired the steering committee for CU-Boulder's visionary strategic plan, Flagship 2030.



The Honorable Charles F. Bolden Jr.

NASA Administrator

Charles Bolden Jr. (USMC-Ret.) was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the 12th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

He began his duties as head of the agency on July 17, 2009. As Administrator, Bolden leads a nationwide NASA team to advance the missions and goals of the U.S. space program.



Professor Bruce Jakosky

MAVEN Principal Investigator

Dr. Bruce Jakosky heads up CU-Boulder's team in the NASA Astrobiology Institute. He has published more than 100 papers in the refereed scientific literature and several books including The Search

for Life on Other Planets (1998 Cambridge University Press) and Science, Society and the Search for Life in the Universe (2006 University of Arizona Press). He serves on numerous national advisory committees and as Associate Director for Science in the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado.

Tonight we celebrate MAVEN, the \$671 million CU-Boulder-led mission to Mars, designed to orbit the Red Planet and make scientific measurements that will allow us to determine the history of the Martian atmosphere and gain insights into its interaction with the sun and solar wind.

Schedule of Events

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	Reception
7:15 – 7:25 p.m.	Welcome Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano, University of Colorado Boulder
7:25 – 7:35 p.m.	Partner Remarks Tim Gasparrini, Director of Civil Space Exploration Systems, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company
	Leslie Kovacs, Director of Government Affairs, United Lauch Alliance
	Pam Drew, President of Information Systems, Exelis Inc. (Math'85, MCompSci'87, PhD'91)
7:35 – 7:45 p.m.	Colorado Delegation Remarks
7:45 – 8 p.m.	Featured Speaker NASA Administrator Charles Bolden Jr.
8 – 8:30 p.m.	CU's 2013 MAVEN Mission to Mars Dr. Bruce Jakosky, Principal Investigator, MAVEN, Professor, Geological Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder
8:30 – 9 p.m.	Dessert Reception