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## Sally Ride



Dr. Sally Ride was the first American woman in space. She was selected as an astronaut candidate in 1978 and flew for the first time in 1983. After retiring from the astronaut corp, Dr. Ride became a professor and started her own organization called *Sally Ride Science* to inspire young girls to enter STEM fields.

## Kathryn Sullivan



Selected by NASA in January 1978, Dr. Sullivan was a member of the first class of female astronauts and the first female to perform a spacewalk in 1984. She is a private pilot, rated in powered and glider aircraft. Dr. Sullivan is a veteran of three shuttle missions and a 2004 inductee to the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

## Women in Space History



Honoring those who paved the way so we could be part of the mission...

## Christa McAuliffe



Christa McAuliffe was selected from over 11,000 applicants as a payload specialist astronaut for the *Teacher in Space* program in 1985. In 1986, the space shuttle experienced a fatal launch, taking the lives of all seven astronauts aboard. She was previously a teacher from New Hampshire.

## Shannon Lucid



Of the six women in this first class with female astronauts, Dr. Shannon Lucid was the only one who was a mother at the time of being selected. During her career, she held the record for the longest duration stay in space by an American at that time. She flew in space five times.



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