

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Apollo Astronaut to Present Scholarship to North Carolina State University Student**

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Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell will present Ryan Field, a senior at North Carolina State University, with a \$10,000 scholarship from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) during a presentation and ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 p.m. in 2722 Bostian Hall on the NC State campus. Field is a dual major in electrical engineering and physics and a participant in the University Honors Program.

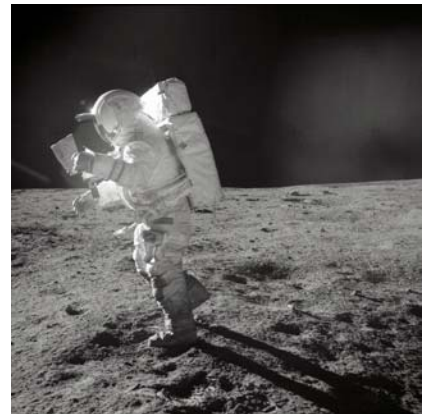
The event is free and open to the public. Bostian Hall is located on the western edge of the brickyard on NC State's north campus.

Mitchell was selected as a NASA astronaut in April 1966 after graduating first in his class from the Air Force Aerospace Research Pilot School. On Feb. 5, 1971, as part of the Apollo 14 mission, Mitchell and Alan Shepard landed their lunar module "Antares" in the Fra Mauro highlands. During 33 hours on the moon's surface, Shepard and Mitchell made two outside excursions, or "moon walks."

Mitchell is a member of the ASF, a nonprofit organization established in 1984 by the six surviving members of America's original Mercury astronauts, and said that the foundation "is a way for me and my fellow astronauts to give back to a country that has afforded us an extraordinary opportunity."

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation's goal is to aid the United States in retaining its world leadership in science and technology by providing scholarships for exceptional college students pursuing degrees in engineering and the natural and applied sciences. The foundation annually funds 18 \$10,000 scholarships and has awarded \$2.3 million to 211 students nationwide.

"It is vital that America remains a technological leader in the world, and that responsibility rests upon our future generations, particularly students like Ryan," Mitchell added.



Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell walks on moon Feb. 5, 1971