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Dr. George Nield, Chairman of Global Spaceport Alliance & SpaceCom Advisor, Is Heading to Space

ALEXANDRIA, VA – On Monday, the crew for Blue Origin’s 20th Mission was announced. On March 23, the NS-20 flight will include Dr. George Nield, Chairman of Global Spaceport Alliance, Pete Davidson, Saturday Night Live Comedian, Marty Allen, CEO & angel investor, Jim Kitchen, teacher, entrepreneur and world explorer, and husband and wife duo Sharon and Marc Hagle, founder of SpaceKids and President & CEO of Tricor International.

Dr. George Nield has been the Chairman of the Global Spaceport Alliance (GSA) for the past 5 years. GSA is the official, member-based organization for spaceports and the spaceport ecosystems worldwide, providing members with the information, data, research, and networking needed for the successful planning, funding, and operation of spaceports around the world.

Dr. Nield is also the president of Commercial Space Technologies, LLC, which he founded to encourage, facilitate, and promote commercial space activities. He previously served as associate administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Commercial Space Transportation and was responsible for licensing and regulating all commercial launch activities. Earlier in his career, he held engineering roles at the Air Force Flight Test Center and the Orbital Sciences Corporation, and he was an assistant professor and research director at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Dr. Nield also served as the manager of the Flight Integration Office for NASA’s Space Shuttle Program.

Global Spaceport Alliance holds its annual member caucus at SpaceCom® – the Global Commercial Space Conference & Exposition. Nield is also an active member on the SpaceCom Advisory Committee and is integral to the vision and mission of both events.

“We are beyond thrilled that one of our own has been invited on this historic human flight. It is fitting that George is among the first passengers in this new age of commercial human spaceflight. It’s a testament to how far we’ve come in the mere 65 years since the dawn of the Space Age,” states James Causey, Executive Director of Global Spaceport Alliance. “George has been a world leader in shaping the very policies that have enabled him to make this improbable voyage. In that sense, no one is more worthy of fulfilling his lifelong dream of spaceflight. We cannot wait for him to return home and to hear his new perspectives after visiting the edge of space.”

This is Blue Origin’s fourth human flight for the New Shepard program. Liftoff is currently targeted for 8:30 a.m. CDT/ 13:30 UTC from Launch Site One in West Texas.

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