

**Beth Moses, Chief Astronaut Instructor at World's First Commercial Spaceline
to Receive Annual *Women in Space Science Award* on May 11**

CHICAGO-April 25, 2017—On May 11, 2017, Beth Moses, the SpaceShipTwo Interiors Program Manager and Chief Astronaut Instructor at Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial spaceline, will be honored at the 15th annual *Women in Space Science Award Celebration* hosted by the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium. The celebration features a luncheon reception for event attendees and a keynote presentation given by Ms. Moses (full bio below.) Following the luncheon, approximately 250 young women from Chicago-area schools will participate in an afternoon of engaging STEM workshops at the Adler.

For fifteen years, the Women's Board has recognized trailblazing women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with the goal of inspiring young women to pursue careers in these disciplines. The *Women in Space Science Award Celebration* raises funds to support the Adler's STEM education programs.

Event Details:

Luncheon

Location: The Drake Hotel

Time: 11:30 am

Student Program

Location: Adler Planetarium

Time: 2pm

For more information, visit:

<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/join-give/fundraising-events/women-in-space-science/>



To purchase tickets, visit:

<https://tickets.adlerplanetarium.org/WebStore/shop/ViewItems.aspx?CG=WISS&C=WISS&>

Recognition:

The Adler Planetarium would like to thank the following organizations for their generous support as sponsors of the *Women in Space Science Award Celebration*: Gold Sponsors- Amy Carbone, Littelfuse, Maclean-Fogg, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Silver Sponsors- Captain Donna Beering, Rebecca Childers Caleel and Sherry Block, Mel Cooney Higgins, The Hill Group, Dr. Carlissa Hughes, ITW, Caroline Becker Joss and Linda I. Celesia, Lisa H. Lewis, Brooke MacLean, Carlette C. McMullan, Peoples Gas, Elisa Primavera-Bailey, S&C Electric Company, Sidley Austin LLP, and Ulta Beauty.

About Beth Moses:

Beth Moses is the SpaceShipTwo Interiors Program Manager and Chief Astronaut Instructor at Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial spaceline. Her teams are currently creating the customer cabin, training mockups, and spaceflight training program for Virgin Galactic's future astronauts. Beth is an aerospace engineer who joined Virgin Galactic from NASA where she served as the Spacewalk System Manager for the International Space Station (ISS). At NASA, she led the global program of human-in-the-loop tests to design the hardware used by spacewalkers to construct ISS in orbit. She is a recipient of the Robert J. Collier trophy, the highest honor in American aerospace, for "successful design, development, and assembly of the world's largest spacecraft, an orbiting laboratory, promising new discoveries for mankind and setting new standards for international cooperation in space."

About the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium:

Since 2002, the Women's Board has been the Adler's lead partner in supporting science education programs, research, and community outreach. The Board is vital to the museum's efforts to reach underserved youth—with a special focus on young women—in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). For more information on the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium, please visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/join-give/affiliates/womens-board/>

About the Adler Planetarium:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, nearly 570,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.