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## Former NASA astronaut to give Keynote address at Renton Chamber's New Teachers Breakfast



**Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar**  
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Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar, former NASA Astronaut and current President/CEO of the Museum of Flight will give the keynote address at the Renton Chamber of Commerce New Teachers Breakfast on August 28 from 7:30 to 9:00 am at Renton Technical College, 3000 N.E. Fourth St., Renton.

A veteran of five space missions, Dunbar has logged 1,208 hours — more than 50 days — in orbit aboard the shuttles *Atlantis*, *Challenger*, *Columbia* and *Endeavour*. Her most recent spaceflight was the STS-89 mission aboard *Endeavour*, January 22–31, 1998. In September of 2005, Dr. Dunbar was announced as the President/CEO of the Museum of flight and was affirmed by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the Museum's Board of Trustees after a yearlong search.

Dunbar will deliver her keynote speech entitled "*From Apollo into the New Millennium*", in which she will speak about the challenges of human space flight and how a good education helps make the dream of space travel a reality.

Dr. Dunbar has been honored by numerous professional societies and universities, as well as by NASA. She is also a recipient of The Museum of Flight's own Pathfinder Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to aviation or aerospace by individuals from the Northwest. In addition to her scientific accomplishments and space experience, Dunbar has been a licensed private pilot since the 1970s, and has logged more than 1,000 hours as co-pilot in NASA's T-38 jets.

The New Teachers Breakfast is a Renton Chamber of Commerce annual event that allows the business community to show their support for Renton teachers, and for teachers to get to know the business resources in the city of Renton. In addition to a complimentary breakfast, new teachers to the Renton School District will receive a Welcome Bag full of items donated by Renton businesses.

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