

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD students to conduct live Q&A with NASA astronaut during Earth-to-space call

WHAT: Houston Independent School District students from Milby High School, Deady Middle School and Davila Elementary School will conduct a Q&A session with a NASA astronaut aboard the International Space Station (ISS) during a live downlink Wednesday.

The students will speak to Astronaut “Nick” Tyler Hague during a 20-minute Earth-to-space video call at Milby High School, which has an aerospace partnership with NASA, along with Deady Middle School and Davila Elementary.

Twenty-four students have been selected to ask questions during the call. About 350 students will be present for it in Milby’s auditorium.

Afterward, students will remain for a panel discussion by NASA engineers and scientists who will discuss space materials, flight testing, heat shields, space hazards and a return to the moon.

Following the panel discussion, students will have the opportunity to attend small breakout sessions with the panelists.

The event will be broadcast live online at www.hisd.tv and on HISD TV (Xfinity Channel 18 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99). It can also be viewed live on HISD’s Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/HoustonISD/>

WHO: HISD Milby High Principal **Ruth Ruiz**; Deady Middle School Principal **Opal Harrison**; Davila Elementary Principal **Berzayda Ochoa**; NASA Astronaut “**Nick**” **Tyler Hague**; TECHNOLOchica and NASA Flight Test Manager **Susana Tapia Harper**; TECHNOLOchica and NASA Materials Engineer **Alma Stephanie Tapia**; TECHNOLOchica and NASA Flight Systems Engineer **Ilse Alcantara**; NASA Program Analyst **Elena Fermin**; NASA Office of STEM Engagement and Milby High graduate **Jessica Cordero**; HISD Students and Staff

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22
11 a.m. – Program begins
11:20 a.m. – Downlink begins
11:45 a.m. – Panel discussion begins

WHERE: Milby High School, 1601 Broadway St., 77012

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