



Having the opportunity to fly on a space shuttle mission is an awesome experience, but what makes STS-106 special is the wide and challenging range of tasks we will perform. During our mission, we will fly to and dock with the space station, perform a space walk, open up a brand new module, install and check out crucial systems on board the station, unload a cargo resupply vessel, operate the shuttle robotic arm, and finally undock and fly around the station. One of the most fulfilling aspects of our flight is the international nature of the International Space Station project. Our joint U.S./Russian crew will train here in Houston, as well as in Star City, Russia, and Baikonur, Kazakhstan. This truly is an astronaut's dream mission.

I would like to thank you for your interest in and support of STS-106, and I hope you will continue to follow along as the International Space Station takes shape in orbit over the next few years.