

## **Ball Aerospace Begins 60th Anniversary Celebration at 2016 AAS Meeting**

BOULDER, Colo., Dec.30, 2015 – Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. kicks off 2016 celebrating 60 years in the aerospace industry at the American Astronomical Society (AAS) annual meeting.

The 227th meeting of the AAS will draw more than 2,300 astronomers, planetary scientists, educators and journalists to the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center, Kissimmee, Fla. Jan. 4-8.

Ball began its “jars to the stars” quest by forming the Ball Brothers Research Corporation in 1956. For the past six decades, Ball Aerospace has served as a technology innovator for defense and civilian government agencies and commercial customers.

- Tuesday, Jan. 5: Makenzie Lystrup, Ph.D., Ball Aerospace Director, Civil Space Business Development, will join a panel titled, “The Next Leap in UV/Optical/NIR Space Astronomy,” Orange Blossom Ballroom, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 5: Ball will sponsor the NASA K2 Mission special session, 7:30 p.m. Ball is the mission prime contractor for K2, NASA’s repurposed planet-hunting Kepler mission. The K2 mission is well into its second year of operations and is routinely producing exciting and significant science data from its observations.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Ball will participate in the Student Education & Public Outreach Program, as students perform simulations of the James Webb Space Telescope and Hubble Space Telescope spectrograph instruments and identify gases displayed in gas tubes. Beginning at 12:15 p.m., STEM students will learn why astronomers use spectrographs for studying celestial objects. To learn more about Ball Aerospace during the AAS meeting, please visit us at booth #300.

If you are interested in interviewing Ball astronomers or program experts during the show, contact Media Relations Manager Roz Brown at 720-581-3135.

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