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## U.S. Postal Service to Dedicate Sally Ride Forever Stamp

- WHAT:** First-day-of-issue dedication ceremony for the Sally Ride Forever stamp. The event is free and open to the public. Please share the news using the hashtags **#SallyRideForever** and **#AstronautStamps**.
- WHO:** [Kristin Seaver](#), U.S. Postal Service Chief Information Officer and Executive Vice President  
[Pradeep K. Khosla](#), chancellor, University of California San Diego  
[Billie Jean King](#), tennis legend and champion of social justice; friend of Sally Ride  
[Ellen Ochoa](#), first Hispanic woman in space and director of the Johnson Space Center; friend of Sally Ride  
[Tam O'Shaughnessy](#), co-founder and executive director of [Sally Ride Science](#) at University of California San Diego; widow of Sally Ride  
[Becky Pettitt](#), vice chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, University of California San Diego
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 23 at 5 p.m. PDT
- WHERE:** [The Price Center, University of California San Diego](#)  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, CA 92093
- Followers of the U.S. Postal Service's Facebook page can view the ceremony live at [facebook.com/USPS](https://www.facebook.com/USPS).
- BACKGROUND:** America's first woman in space, Dr. Sally Ride (1951–2012) inspired the nation as a pioneering astronaut, brilliant scientist, and dedicated educator.

On June 18, 1983, Ride launched through Earth's atmosphere aboard space shuttle *Challenger*, becoming the first American woman to reach space. For six days, she worked closely with her four male crewmates, proving to the world below that women were just as adept as their male counterparts in the final frontier.

Ride was the only person to sit on the investigative panels for both the *Challenger* and *Columbia* accidents. As a professor, she used her experience as an astronaut to explain complicated physics principles. In 2001, she cofounded a company devoted to fostering interest and skills in science, technology, engineering, and math among young people, particularly girls.

Through her love of science and determination to improve our world, Ride left a lasting impact on generations of students and the future of American space exploration.

After the stamp dedication ceremony, Sally Ride Science at UC San Diego will celebrate the occasion with a panel discussion on Women in Leadership at 6:30 p.m. Visit [Sally Ride Science at UC San Diego](#) for more information.

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