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# Stamp Ceremony to Commemorate Pioneering Spirit of Sally Ride



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The stamp art features a colorful portrait of Ride in her flight suit with a dramatic depiction of a space shuttle lifting off in the background. Sketched first in charcoal and then rendered in oil paint, the image was designed to reflect her positivity and confident spirit as well as the excitement and danger of space travel.

“I worked with the Postal Service staff to make sure the portrait on the stamp captures Sally’s essence – her cool demeanor, her warm smile and the mischievous spark in her eyes,” said Tam O’Shaughnessy, Ride’s life partner who co-founded Sally Ride Science and now serves as executive director. “I am thrilled with the result.”

The stamp will be dedicated in a public ceremony featuring leaders from the U.S. Postal Service and UC San Diego as well as Ride’s friends and family. Speakers will include:

- Kristin Seaver, U.S. Postal Service Chief Information Officer and Executive Vice President
- Pradeep K. Khosla, UC San Diego Chancellor
- Becky Pettit, UC San Diego Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Billie Jean King, tennis legend and champion of social justice
- Ellen Ochoa, first Hispanic woman in space and Director of the Johnson Space Center
- Tam O’Shaughnessy, Co-founder and Executive Director, Sally Ride Science at UC San Diego

Followers of the U.S. Postal Service’s Facebook page can view the ceremony live at [facebook.com/USPS](https://www.facebook.com/USPS) (<http://www.facebook.com/USPS>).

## **Conversation on Women in Leadership**

Following the dedication event, Sally Ride Science at UC San Diego will host a private, invitation-only event at the Price Center to celebrate the release of the U.S. postage stamp. King and Ochoa will join Condoleezza Rice, 66th U.S. Secretary of State and a close friend of Ride’s, for a conversation on *Women in Leadership*. With journalist and author Lynn Sherr serving as moderator, they will share their personal stories and their vision for how women can help lead our nation to a better future.

Joining the panel will be UC San Diego leadership including Chancellor Khosla and Executive Vice Chancellor Elizabeth H. Simmons, both of whom will offer opening remarks.

O’Shaughnessy will introduce the panelists, who bring fascinating perspectives on what it means to be a woman in a leadership position in sports, science, diplomacy and other realms.

King, who achieved tennis immortality by winning 39 Grand Slam titles, has long been a crusader for equality for women in sports and for social justice in all areas of life. She was named one of the “100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century” by *Life* magazine and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.


Ochoa, a research engineer, became the first Hispanic woman in space aboard space shuttle *Discovery* in 1993. She flew in space four times, logging nearly 1,000 hours, before becoming director of NASA’s Johnson Space Center in 2013 where she leads the human space flight enterprise for the nation.

Rice, a professor of political science at Stanford University, served as U.S. Secretary of State under President George W. Bush from 2005 to 2009. She was the first African American woman to hold the post. Rice also served as Bush’s National Security Advisor from 2001 to 2005, becoming the first woman to hold that position.

Sherr, the panel’s moderator, is an award-winning broadcaster and author who spent more than 30 years with ABC News. While covering the space program, she became friends with Ride. After Ride’s death, Sherr published a biography, *Sally Ride: America’s First Woman in Space*.

“Like Sally, the panelists and moderator are remarkable leaders who have shattered barriers and led the way for women in their fields,” said O’Shaughnessy. “This promises to be an exhilarating evening.”

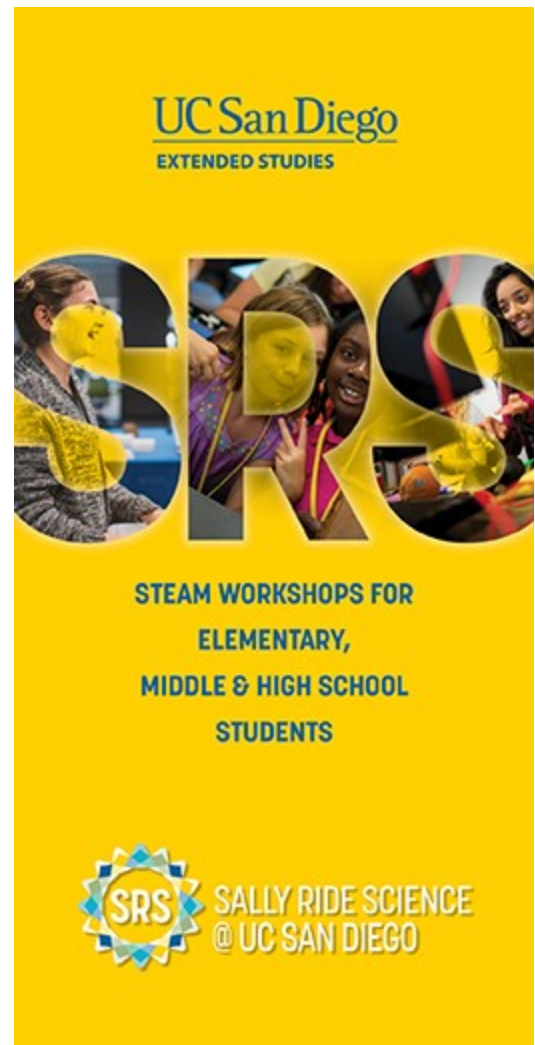
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