

Katy Perry and Gayle King are among the 6 Women Crew Heading to Space

Katy Perry, Amanda Nguyen, and Aisha Bowe will join Gayle King, Lauren Sánchez, and Kerianne Flynn on the New Shepard flight to space from Blue Origin!



San Diego, California Feb 28, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Blue Origin is set to launch a groundbreaking all-female crew into space this spring, making history in the realm of space exploration. The six-member team includes prominent journalist Gayle King, music superstar Katy Perry, and bioastronautics researcher Amanda Nguyen. They will each bring unique expertise and influence to the mission. Former NASA scientist Aisha Bowe, who is also the CEO of STEMBoard, emphasizes the importance of STEM education and representation in technology. Film producer Kerianne Flynn, known for her work with various nonprofits, showcases the social impact of creative industries.

The mission is organized by Lauren Sánchez, a pilot and journalist who also serves as vice chair of the Bezos Earth Fund. Engaged to Blue Origin's founder, Jeff Bezos, Sánchez has played a crucial role in bringing this all-female crew together. Together, this diverse group of women symbolizes progress in gender representation in space travel. They will inspire future generations to pursue their dreams in science, arts, and beyond. Their journey will explore the cosmos and highlight women's valuable contributions in all fields.

"She is honored to lead a team of explorers on a mission that will challenge their perspectives of Earth, empower them to share their own stories, and create lasting impact that will inspire generations to come," read a statement from Blue Origin.

Nguyen was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2019 for her work supporting survivors of sexual violence. She will be the first Vietnamese woman and Southeast Asian woman to go to space. The mission is called NS-31 and will be the 11th flight of New Shepard, which takes people beyond the Kármán line. This line is about 62 miles (100 kilometers) above the Earth and is often seen as where space begins. However, the exact boundary can be unclear. Blue Origin has not yet given a specific date for this mission.

The company was started by Jeff Bezos in 2000, and it announced that this mission would feature the first all-female flight crew since Valentina Tereshkova's solo flight in 1963. She was the first woman in space. NASA has chosen 61 women to be astronauts since it began. The first all-female spacewalk happened in October 2019, with NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir working outside the International Space Station. More women have traveled to space as space tourism has become more popular. In November, Emily Calandrelli, an engineer from MIT and a TV host known as "Space Gal," became the 100th woman to go into space on Blue Origin's NS-28 mission.

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