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## **FAYETTEVILLE NATIVE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS NASA AWARD**

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. (March 2005) – A Fayetteville, North Carolina, native was recently recognized with NASA's prestigious Astronauts Personal Achievement Award, better known as the Silver Snoopy. The daughter of Mary Wheeler of Fayetteville, Ferbbie Wheeler was honored for her contributions as a United Space Alliance Computer Science specialist in the Cost Analysis Department at the Kennedy Space Center.

Astronaut Chris Ferguson presented the award during a recent visit to the Florida spaceport. Known by its identifying character from the Charles Schulz comic strip, the Silver Snoopy Award is presented to those NASA and contractor employees who are nominated by an astronaut or manager for their "professionalism, dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhances flight safety and mission success during the Space Shuttle program."

Wheeler is the primary software programmer in USA's Pricing Department. Using specialized software skills, she prepares cost proposals, estimates and analyses for NASA in support of the Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs. Her exceptional software skills have led to significant reductions in cost and cycle time while increasing quality.

United Space Alliance, established in 1995, is a leader in space operations offering extensive experience in space launch and recovery operations; mission planning and control; flight hardware processing; space flight training; on-orbit assembly, payload deployment and servicing; rendezvous/proximity operations and docking; large-scale integration and sustaining engineering. United Space Alliance serves as NASA's prime contractor for the Space Shuttle and provides operations services for the International Space Station. United Space Alliance employs more than 10,000 people in Texas, Florida, and Alabama.

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**Caption:** The contributions of United Space Alliance Computer Science Specialist Ferbbie Wheeler, left, were recently recognized with the Astronauts Personal Achievement Award, the Silver Snoopy. The Fayetteville, N. C., native was presented the honor by NASA Astronaut Chris Ferguson.

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