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**DELAWARE COUNTY NATIVE HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO SPACE PROGRAM**

HOUSTON, TX (June 23, 2008) – Delaware County native and United Space Alliance employee Shawn Macleod was recently recognized as a Space Flight Awareness (SFA) honoree for his work in support of NASA's Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs at Johnson Space Center.

A Ridley High School and Pennsylvania State University graduate, Macleod currently serves as the Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU), or spacesuit, Engineering Group Lead. He was recognized for his superior performance in helping Expedition 14 crewmembers aboard the Space Station. The crew reported discomfort in their EMUs following the mission's first spacewalk and Macleod offered recommendations to remedy the issue. The crewmembers implemented Macleod's solutions and were able to get a good fit on their EMUs that made executing subsequent spacewalks safer and more comfortable.

As an SFA honoree, Macleod traveled to Kennedy Space Center where he received a tour of the complex and viewed the launch of Space Shuttle Discovery on May 31.

"Viewing the Shuttle launch was like witnessing a small miracle," said Macleod. "Knowing that I was being recognized by NASA for being a part of something so special was overwhelming."

Macleod currently resides in Pearland, Texas with his wife Amanda and their daughter Keely. His parents, Richard and Donna, live in Augusta, Georgia.

The SFA Program is a NASA safety and awareness managed motivational program geared at ensuring that every employee involved in human space flight is aware of the importance of their role in promoting astronaut safety and mission success in the critical, challenging task of flying humans in the hostile environment of space by communicating and educating the government and industry workforce about human space flight.

United Space Alliance is a world leader in space operations with extensive experience in all aspects of the field. Headquartered in Houston, USA has 10,000 employees working in Texas, Florida and Alabama. Currently, USA is applying its broad range of capabilities to NASA's Space Shuttle, International Space Station and Constellation programs as well as to space operations customers in the commercial and international space industry sectors.

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