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A CONVERSATION WITH  
**NASA ASTRONAUT SCOTT KELLY**  
AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 6:00 PM

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*Former U.S. Navy fighter pilot and NASA astronaut draws from his book, **Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery**, as he recounts his record-breaking year aboard the International Space Station.*

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**PHILADELPHIA September 10, 2018**—The Franklin Institute in collaboration with the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia presents an exclusive evening with American Astronaut Scott Kelly, Wednesday, November 7, at 6 p.m. in the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial at The Franklin Institute. The veteran of four space flights and the American record holder for consecutive days spent in space will draw from his book, *Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery*, to describe his journey to the stars. Kelly will recount navigating the extreme challenges of long-term spaceflight, from the mundane to the life-threatening, and share the youthful inspiration that sparked his astounding career and drastically changed his trajectory to become a record-setting astronaut.

The conversation will be moderated by Craig Snyder, president of the Council, bookended by opening remarks and a Q&A session with The Franklin Institute Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts. Kelly plans to also meet privately with the science team at The Franklin Institute before the evening's event.

Scott Kelly is a former U.S. Navy fighter pilot, test pilot, and NASA astronaut. He retired from the Navy at the rank of captain after twenty-five years of service. Kelly commanded the space shuttle Endeavour in 2007 and twice commanded the International Space Station. He has logged more than 520 days in space on four spaceflights and currently holds the records for total time in space and for single-mission endurance by a U.S. astronaut. Kelly spent 340 consecutive days in space, launching in March 2015 and returning home in March 2016.

Tickets are now on sale for members of The Franklin Institute and the Council, with a public on-sale date of Wednesday, September 12.

***A Conversation with NASA Astronaut Scott Kelly***

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

6:00pm | The Franklin Institute

Tickets: \$50 public; \$45 for Members of The Franklin Institute and the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and include a pre-signed paperback copy of *Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery*

Cash bar.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu).

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