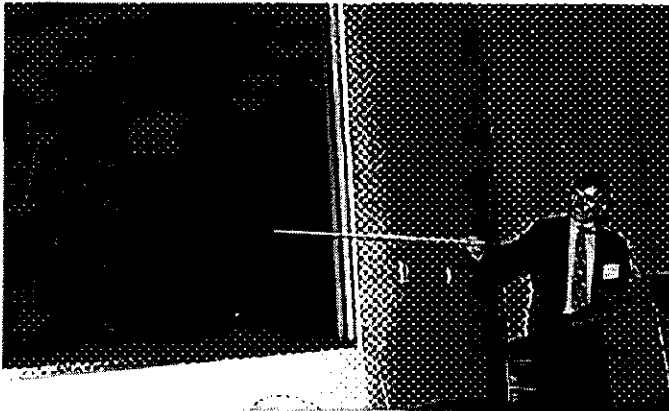


Keynote Address



John Young was selected as an astronaut in September 1962. He is the first person to fly in space six times from Earth. Young's first flight was in Gemini 3, the first manned Gemini mission, on March 23, 1965. Young next flew on Gemini 10. On Apollo 10, Young served as Command Module pilot. During Apollo 16, Young walked on the Moon, exploring the lunar highlands and setting up scientific equipment. His fifth flight was as Spacecraft Commander of STS-1, the first flight of the space shuttle, and he also served as commander of STS-9. Young currently is Associate Director (Technical) of the NASA Johnson Space Center, and is responsible for technical, operational, and safety oversight of all agency programs and activities assigned to JSC. As an active astronaut, Young remains eligible to command future shuttle astronaut crews.



John Young spoke to the Mars Exploration Forum about exploring other planetary surfaces and the challenges of reduced gravity environments. He applied his experiences while exploring the Moon during Apollo 16 to the future surface missions on Mars.