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Astronaut Wendy Lawrence and Entrepreneur Shiza Shahid to speak Monday at Ball State University

Summary: On Monday, February 19, Astronaut Wendy Lawrence will speak at 7 p.m. in Emens Auditorium and Entrepreneur Shiza Shahid will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Pruis Hall to begin the spring speaker series at Ball State University.

Short head: Ball State University speaker series kicks off Monday with two speakers

MUNCIE, Indiana—Astronaut Wendy Lawrence is set to launch Ball State University’s annual spring speaker series by bringing her insights from space travel and work in the fields of science and engineering to campus.

Lawrence is one of two speakers debuting the spring speaker series lineup on Monday, February 19. Her lecture, 7 p.m. in Emens Auditorium, will touch on inspiring the next generation to “Dare to Dream”, especially in the fields of STEM. This is the first lecture of the annual spring Emens Professor Lecture Series at Ball State.

Shiza Shahid, an entrepreneur and the co-founding CEO of the Malala Fund with Nobel Prize winner Malala Yousafzi, is the second speaker visiting campus on Monday as part of the Excellence in Leadership Speaker Series. Her lecture, 7:30 p.m. in Pruis Hall, will focus on her entrepreneurial experiences such as working with the Malala Fund, starting The Collective, a community of leading entrepreneurs that come together to build collaborative change, and investing in mission-driven technology start-ups that are taking on the world’s biggest challenges.

Both Lawrence and Shahid’s lectures are free and open to the public. For more information on speakers this spring, visit Ball State’s calendar at [bsu.edu/calendar/categories/speakers](https://www.bsu.edu/calendar/categories/speakers).