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Tecumseh Students Contact Astronaut Shannon Walker on the ISS via Amateur Radio

"International Space Station NA1SS, this is Kilo Five Tango Hotel Sierra" was the only sound heard on the Tecumseh Alumni Building stage. After a few calls, the radio started to crackle, Dr. Shannon Walker said, "K5THS, this is the International Space Station November Alpha One Sierra Sierra, how copy?" This exchange started a 9-minute question and answer session that changed how Tecumseh students think about space travel.

In February 2020, the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) group announced that the Tecumseh High School Amateur Radio Club (K5THS) was selected as one of the ten schools to have a live conversation with astronauts on the ISS. The K5THS team, led by Bill Crow K5LUO, has been working with the local amateur radio groups to build the stations needed to contact the station orbiting 254 miles above the earth.

This contact happened on December 4th, 2020, at 12:33 pm CST. This YouTube video link <u>https://youtu.be/T0NWLqGEeqc</u> contains just the 9-minute contact with astronaut Shannon Walker, from the International Space Station.

The following YouTube link <u>https://youtu.be/7qe_UXGdA6o</u> will let you watch the entire 67 minute program.

More information, pics, and video are available at https://w5nor.org/k5ths/





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