UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS (FOX19) -- The University of Cincinnati will open later this week an exhibit about astronaut Neil Armstrong who taught at university in the 1970s.

"Neil Armstrong: The Life and Flight of a Reluctant Hero" will open to the public on Thursday at UC’s Philip M. Meyers Jr. Memorial Gallery in the Steger Student Life Center.

Armstrong was a professor of aerospace engineering at UC from 1971 to 1979. Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969.

The exhibit features artifacts donated to UC by the Armstrong family, including a space mask and plaques awarded to Armstrong. The exhibit runs through Nov. 27.

Armstrong, 82, of Indian Hill, died in August 2012.

UC has a press conference scheduled for Wednesday where university President Santa Ono will sign an agreement with NASA officials that the university said "will further link a growing relationship between UC researchers and NASA scientists." Mark and Rick Armstrong, the astronaut’s sons, are scheduled to speak.

Also at the press conference, the university will unveil a life-size bas-relief plaque depicting Armstrong on campus that will be permanently installed in the entrance to Rhodes Hall, a building on UC’s main campus that Armstrong passed each morning.
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