CINCINNATI - The University of Cincinnati will honor the life of famed astronaut and former UC professor Neil Armstrong this week by opening a major campus exhibit and announcing a research agreement with NASA.

Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neil_Armstrong) in 1969, was a professor of aerospace engineering at UC from 1971 to 1979 after retiring from the space program.

To commemorate Armstrong’s ties to UC, an exhibit titled “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.

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

A special Wednesday preview will feature the unveiling of a life-size bas-relief plaque depicting Armstrong on campus that will be permanently installed in the entrance to Rhodes Hall, through which he passed each morning.

As part of the Wednesday ceremony, UC President Santa Ono will sign a Space Act Agreement with NASA officials that will further link a growing relationship between UC researchers and NASA scientists.

UC will also launch a commemorative website to Armstrong’s years at UC and to share an extensive digital collection of images, documents and correspondence relating to his UC career.

As the world watched and held its breath, Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon at the climax of the Apollo 11 flight on July 20, 1969. As Armstrong stepped off the last step of the lunar module, he spoke his famous words: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

Armstrong lived in the Cincinnati area after leaving NASA - first on his farm in Lebanon and later in Indian Hill. He was 82 when he died in 2012 after complications from heart surgery. Armstrong was buried at sea at his request.


**Watch Armstrong step onto the moon in the player below or go to** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCT1BwWE2gA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCT1BwWE2gA)

Appeals court to weigh Ky.'s liquor sales law

A federal appeals court is set to consider the validity of a ruling striking down Kentucky's seven-decade old ban on grocery stores, gas…

Mason native gets the boot from DWTS

Another shocker on “Dancing with the Stars” – and it has nothing to do with Cher’s face. (I kid! I love!)

Ohio residents head to the polls today to vote on issues and races ranging from decisions on the city pension to choosing the next Cincinnati…

PD: Teen tried to kill parents, due in court

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A 16-year-old arrested and charged with attempted murder after police say he tried to burn down his residence in Liberty Township with his…

Popular shopping plaza is haven for heroin users

A relatively new plaza in Newport is filled with big name shops. It's busy. It's growing. But police say it's also a popular…

Cincinnati Police find missing 12-year-old boy

Cincinnati police have found a 12-year-old boy who disappeared in East Price Hill on Monday.

Lawmakers seek to ease Brent Spence toll pain

Northern Kentucky Forum hosted a panel Monday to discuss how to fund the $2.5 billion Brent Spence Bridge project, and the options aren't…

3 injured in head-on Brown County crash
Three people were injured in a head-on crash involving two vehicles in Brown County, officials say.

Brent Spence Bridge reopens after crash (traffic/accident-closes-right-two-lanes-on-brent-spence-bridge-in-covington)
The right two lanes of southbound Interstate 75 on the Brent Spence Bridge in Covington were temporarily closed at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Concepcion, Parker on Hall of Fame ballot (sports/baseball/reds/cincinnati-reds-dave-concepcion-dave-parker-on-hall-of-fame-ballot-again)
Former Reds stars Dave Concepcion and Dave Parker are back on the Baseball Hall of Fame ballot this year.