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Congratulations to the New Horizons team! New Horizons launched on January 19, 2006. It swung past Jupiter for a gravity boost and scientific studies in February 2007 and then in early 2015 began a six-month-long reconnaissance flyby study of Pluto and its moons. The spacecraft's closest approach to Pluto occurred on July 14, 2015.

Top: Four images from New Horizons' Long Range Reconnaissance Imager (LORRI) were combined with color data from the Ralph instrument to create this enhanced-color global view of Pluto.

Bottom left: New Horizons team members and guests count down to the spacecraft's closest approach to Pluto on July 14, 2015.

Bottom middle: Artist's concept of the New Horizons spacecraft as it approaches Pluto.

Bottom right: New Horizons flight controllers in the Mission Operations Center (MOC) celebrate after receiving confirmation from the spacecraft that it had successfully completed the flyby of Pluto.