

THE HERMES



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INSPIRED 24

"Hey sky, take off your hat, I'm on my way!" - Valentina Tereshkova

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I24 Riders in the Sky!

Keep your eyes peeled for Firefly Aerospace's first Blue Ghost mission, launching mid-January!

The Inspired 24's Team Mosaic will be flying to the moon aboard Firefly's first Blue Ghost lunar lander mission, in digital form on a SD card mounted to the lander.

This mission, named "Ghost Riders in the Sky", is the first of Firefly's dedicated annual payload lunar service missions and is part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services Initiative.

The inclusion of the I24 Mosaic was made possible by **Copernic Space** and their efforts to increase access to the new space economy.

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Member Spotlight!

James "Blue" Logging



James "Blue" Logging, MD, MBA, has always been captivated by the mysteries of space. As a child, his dream was to become an astronaut, a passion that was ignited by a defining moment in his youth. On January 28, 1986, when he was just 11 years old, a Space Shuttle launch was scheduled to coincide with his birthday. His excitement quickly turned to heartbreak, however, as he watched the Challenger disaster unfold live on television. That emotional day marked a turning point, but it also solidified his love for space, even as his path to the stars seemed uncertain.

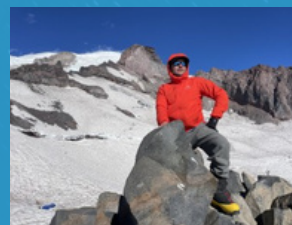
Though space continued to call to him, Blue's path would soon shift. A pivotal moment came when his father suffered a life-threatening heart attack. Witnessing his father's survival as a gift, Blue was inspired to dedicate his life to medicine, believing that he could provide the same gift of life to others. He chose to pursue a career in surgery, ultimately becoming an orthopedic surgeon. Over the last 18 years, Blue has helped thousands of patients reclaim their lives, alleviating debilitating pain and restoring mobility. Yet, despite his success in medicine, the allure of space never left him.

As a young man, Blue dreamed of becoming a pilot but faced financial limitations that made that goal seem out of reach. He thought the U.S. Air Force Academy could be the answer, where he could train as both a pilot and a physician.

While he received an appointment to the Academy, he was told he could not pursue both aviation and a medical career simultaneously. Forced to make a decision, Blue chose to follow his medical path, ultimately turning down the Academy's offer.

Blue's opportunity to connect with the aerospace world came in 2021, when Jared Isaacman announced the Inspiration4 mission. Driven by a sense of purpose and a passion for space exploration, Blue applied for a spot on the mission—but unfortunately was not selected. Through this event, he became one of the Inaugural Members of the Inspired 24. Blue also applied for the 2024 NASA Astronaut Program but was not selected.

Now, Blue continues to pursue his aviation dreams, earning his private and commercial pilot's licenses, as well as becoming an experienced Divemaster, mountaineer, marathon runner, Ironman competitor, and recently a Zero G flight participant. Blue is also an avid photographer and captured the Crew 2 launch from his home in South Carolina. He continues to enjoy his passions with his wife, Ashley, and their two college-aged children.





Member in Action!



Congratulations to Jyoti “Ladylight” KC on her recent graduation!

On December 13, 2024,
Ladylight graduated from the
University of Texas at Arlington
with a major in aerospace and a
minor in mechanical
engineering.

She completed her
undergraduate studies in four
years and thanks her fellow I24
members for the support she
received.

Ladylight continues to
champion for diversity and self-
reliance, emphasizing the
importance of celebrating
differences.



Missed December's All Hands Meeting?



Watch the replay HERE!

Affiliate News

- Watch the live chat with Space for Humanity's newest Overview Ambassador, Emily Calandrelli! She shares her incredible journey on her recent flight to space aboard Blue Origin's NS28.
- On December 16, MoonDao and I24 co-hosted a live talk with Dr. Eiman Jahangir on his trip to space and to answer questions from participants. Listen to the replay on X!

I24 Team Call to Action

One of our founding members, Zac “Astro” Aubert, recently spent 15 days in the hospital battling a life-threatening MRSA infection & a blood clot in his lungs. Thanks to a welfare check, he got the care he needed; but his road to recovery is long, and the financial burden without insurance is overwhelming. Astro has always shown up for others with passion and kindness. Now it's our turn to show up for him.

Please consider donating to help cover his medical bills, medications, and recovery care.

Donate and share:

<https://gofund.me/bf1013a9>



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