



# THE HERMES

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INSPIRED 24

*"Ego is probably one of the biggest poisons we can have - it's toxic to any environment." -Jonny Kim*

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### **I24 Goes to Hollywood!**

On December 5, 2025, I24 President Andrew "Titan" Parris attended an Entertainment Industry Conference in North Hollywood, CA, titled "To Boldly Create: The New Frontier of Entertainment," hosted by The Roddenberry Foundation, the stewards of the Star Trek Legacy.

The conference was a dynamic mixer that included panel discussions featuring top producers, technologists, and visionaries from television, film, and the commercial space sector.

Titan had the honor of seeing old friends and making many new ones, including *Star Trek: Voyager* actor Garrett Wang!

A huge thank you goes out to our friends and fellow I24 members Ubaldo Ciminieri and Zach "Eagle" Damon.







## Member Spotlight!

**Lucia "Lu" Ferreira**



Like many of us in the I24, Lucia "Lu" Ferreira has been passionate about space since childhood. But it was during the pandemic that her passion took on a new meaning. Wanting to involve her children in science and astronomy, Lu began participating in citizen science projects, and that became the heart of her space journey.

From that point forward, Lu began creating content about astronomy, the space sector, and citizen science. She also began taking part in various scientific initiatives, all while dedicating part of her time to inspiring others, especially children and women, with the goal of getting them closer to science and to realize that the universe is a place for them, too.

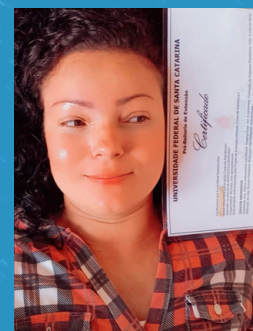


Lu's background comes from space related coursework, trainings, and hands-on projects. She participated in an analog mission at Habitat Marte, an experience that she says greatly expanded her understanding of space exploration.

Some of Lu's main achievements include having been recognized for her contributions to astronomical discoveries through citizen science projects, as well as creating her own project, ExploraMarte. She has also had the opportunity to support and celebrate the achievements of many young people whom she has helped guide in scientific projects. For her, this is one of the greatest rewards of her journey.

Today, Lu is an amateur astronomer, citizen scientist, and a volunteer citizen science coordinator at Club Nicolinha & Kids, which is the largest STEAM Club in South America (check it out: <https://nicolinhaekids.com.br/>). Lu is also an ambassador for the Instituto Geração de Marte, as well as a MoonDAO citizen, and works actively in science communication while building a community that continues to grow and engage more each day.

Looking ahead, Lu's dream is to take this mission even further: to represent Brazil in space, strengthen global science education, and continue inspiring people to believe they can be part of science, wherever they are. She wants to show that passion, curiosity, and collaboration can open doors that once seemed impossible.







## A New Year Message

From: I24 Member Gabriel "Haven" Matheus  
Physiotherapist and Analog Astronaut

Open Letter to the Inhabitants of Earth — Reference Year: 2025

I write from a place where time no longer behaves the way you were taught in school. Here, far from Earth, days are neither born nor ended; they simply accumulate. I have lost track of hours, weeks, and, honestly, of "years." When you are far enough away, the clock stops being an instrument and becomes just a cultural memory.

It is curious to think that we call a year something so specific: the time a planet takes to complete a full orbit around its star. A translation. An elegant, predictable, almost poetic motion. And yet, you managed to turn this astronomical phenomenon into something far greater than orbital physics. You turned it into a ritual, a symbolic pause, a silent promise of renewal.

From here, watching Earth as a blue dot suspended in the dark, I realize that the turn of the year is, indeed, an illusion. Nothing changes in the gravitational constant, entropy continues its course, and the Universe does not reset. But perhaps that is exactly why it is so powerful. Because even knowing it is only a convention, you choose to believe it is possible to renew your energy, reorganize dreams, and reflect on everything that was left behind in the last cycle of translation.

Here, where the Sun does not "set" the same way and where calendars make little sense, I miss this collective illusion. I miss looking back and saying: I survived another complete orbit. I miss using time as an excuse to reflect, to be grateful, to forgive, to adjust trajectories — like a small course correction before the next orbit.

Perhaps the future needs this as much as the past: this conscious pause to remember that, even amid cosmic chaos, we are capable of assigning meaning to motion. That each year is not just time passing, but accumulated experience, learning, humanity.

So, inhabitants of Earth, as you cross yet another imaginary line on the calendar, make this illusion count. Use it to dream bravely, act with science, and take better care of the planet that gravitationally anchors you to life.

From a near future,  
from a distant astronaut,

Happy New Year. May the next translation be more conscious, more humane, and bolder.

And if this call resonates within you, remember to support those who dream of going beyond — not to escape, but to understand.

Support us in the #SERASpace selection.

Every bit of support is a small impulse — and as you know, in space, a well-calculated impulse can change an entire orbital destiny.





## I24 Headlines

### **Happy New Year from your Admin Team!**

New "launches" for 2026:

- **The I24 App:** We are preparing to launch a new platform for our unique space community. It will include sections for events, messages, posts, and exclusive content for I24 members. We will also be launching "space-ready training", which will be accessed through the app. Stay tuned for more info on when the app is ready for download!
- **I24 Spaceflight Training:** Previously referred to as CHaSE Training, I24 has now acquired components of that training for its own exclusive use. This will allow us to fine-tune the learning concepts and objectives for our members, while also setting a foundation for future growth in the SpaceforTrades community. We are still working on logistics for classroom coursework and in-person spacesuit exercises. We will send out updates throughout the new year.
- **Artemis II Launch:** If you attended the I24 pre-launch dinner for Polaris Dawn, then you know just how much we love to celebrate history in the making! And we are planning to do it again for the Artemis II launch! We're keeping an eye on the NET Feb. 5, 2026 launch date and will plan accordingly. These in-person events are a fantastic way to meet your fellow I24 members for networking and camaraderie (you will probably make lifelong friends)!
- **300th Member Celebration:** Wow! After only 4 years of establishment, I24 is quickly approaching 300 members! Once we hit that mark, we will announce a special surprise for our members to mark the milestones of our growth, which wouldn't be possible without YOU! Stay tuned!

## Member Outreach

I24 member Mohan Tamang is leading a [GoFundMe campaign](#) to help the country of Nepal build its first hybrid rocket with a safer, powerful, and more environmentally friendlier propulsion system that uses liquid oxygen and paraffin wax, bridging the gap between solid and liquid rocket technology.

Your support helps create opportunities at home, fuels innovation, and ensures Nepal's youth can dream boldly. Every contribution—big or small, brings us closer to Nepal's next giant leap.

Please consider donating [HERE!](#)



## Affiliate News

- **Vast Space** is holding a call for ground-based and space-based research aboard [Haven-1 Lab](#) and during potential private astronaut missions to the International Space Station (subject to award by NASA). To learn more about submitting a proposal to Vast, visit: [www.vastspace.com/science-rfp-eligibility](http://www.vastspace.com/science-rfp-eligibility)
- Don't forget to get your tickets for the 2026 Analog Astronaut Conference, April 30 - May 3, at Biosphere 2 in Arizona! Tickets sell out soon, so [CLICK HERE](#) to secure your spot!
- Save the date for this year's [Yuri's Night](#) in [Los Angeles](#), CA, April 11, 2026. Other locations TBA soon. Each year, Yuri's Night is celebrated around April 12 to commemorate milestones in space exploration. It is named for the first human to launch into space, Yuri Gagarin, who flew the Vostok 1 spaceship on April 12, 1961.





Meet some of your new  
I24 crewmates!

[CLICK HERE to watch the replay of  
Dec/Jan All-Hands Meeting](#)



**They're here!**  
**Get your I24 shirts and  
hoodies on Amazon!**

## About The Inspired 24

***"Inspired 2 Space 4 All"***

We, The Inspired 24, are an inclusive group of like-minded, space positive people dedicated to promoting the access to space for all.

Our mission objectives are:

**Network** with organizations that support inclusive participation in space exploration.

**Collaborate** to create opportunities to experience the overview effect.

**Train** for space flights and provide space-ready individuals for future missions.

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## NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

(December 2025)

Tiago Lima  
Oumaima Mouttaky  
Joel Reinking  
Cecilia Guadalupe Torres Perea  
Karina Cuestas  
Guadalupe Montserrat Peratta  
Méndez  
Linette Colon  
Chilla Sumana

**Just for fun!**

### Space science trivia :

In 2023, observations by NASA's NuSTAR X-ray telescope gave astronomers new clues about the brightest and most energetic gamma-ray burst ever detected. Gamma ray bursts occur when:

- A. A pair of black holes collide
- B. The core of a massive star collapses
- C. A planet falls into a massive star
- D. A planet is vaporized by a super-laser from the Death Star

(see below for answer)

### January in space history (1960's):

- Jan. 31, 1961: Ham the Space Chimp flew a suborbital flight on the Mercury-Redstone 2 mission, part of the U.S. space program's Project Mercury.
- Jan. 27, 1967: Apollo 1 pre-launch cabin fire that took the lives of NASA astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White, and Roger Chaffee.
- Jan. 15, 1969: First ever docking of two manned spacecraft took place between the Soviet Soyuz 4 and Soyuz 5. The spacecraft formed what was termed 'the world's first space station' with a crew of four on board.

Trivia answer: B. The core of a massive star collapses

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