



# THE HERMES

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INSPIRED 24

*"I would have taken whatever hand I was dealt. Space was it." -Story Musgrave*

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### *CHaSE 4 Mission Accomplished!*

That's a wrap for another inspiring class of spaceflight training at the Center for Human Space Exploration (CHaSE) at the University of Arizona!

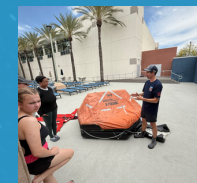
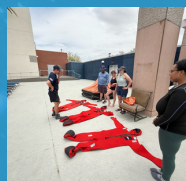
CHaSE Class #4 participants included I24 members, Robert "Scout" Barnum, Jennifer "Jennway" Pint, Myah "Mogwai" D'Agostino, and Heather "Comms" Smith. Instructors included I24 members, Trent "Atlas" Tresch (lead instructor), and Andrew "Titan" Parris (assistant instructor).

On day one of this 2-day program, members attended classroom lessons on the history of spacesuit design and how to apply the science and math for pressurizing suits in real time. They also gained practical hands-on experience with donning (putting on) and doffing (taking off) spacesuits, as well as pressurizing the spacesuits safely and efficiently by working in teams.

On day two, members learned and practiced water egress training in the Univ. of Arizona swimming pool, including learning proper water ingress from a parachute harness and proper usage of water survival suits. They also worked as a team to navigate and enter a survival raft.

The program also included a personalized, behind-the-scenes tour of [Biosphere 2](#).

*Check out the photos below & stay tuned for future info on the next spacesuit training class!*







## Member Spotlight!

### Andrew "Lambda" Clifford



Like many of us, Andrew "Lambda" Clifford had a baseline interest in space and rockets as a child. He distinctly remembers seeing Space Shuttle footage in a classroom and thinking to himself, "That must be amazing to see in person, I should do that".

Fast forward to his college years. While he maintained a higher than average interest in space and rockets, it was nowhere near the obsession it is now. Lambda was just interested enough that when he and his family visited Disney, he had the thought to check to see if any launches were scheduled during their stay. And luckily enough, there was an Atlas V launch scheduled.

Lambda rented a car and made plans to see the early morning launch. After a long, tiring, hot day at Disney, his alarm goes off somewhere in the middle of the night. He was supposed to get up and start the hour-long drive to Port Canaveral for the launch.



But, Lambda had snoozed the alarm so many times, he believes he turned it completely off at some point. Luckily, he found the motivation to get up and start the drive. He arrived to a few dozen cars already in place to see the launch, and a brightly lit rocket on the otherwise pitch black horizon. After a few short delays, the Atlas V, carrying AEHF 3, took off, lighting up the completely dark sky like a sunrise. It was an emotional experience that forever changed the trajectory of Lambda's life.

Since that experience, Lambda is finding his place in the space industry. He is currently based in South Texas, documenting the development of the SpaceX Starship vehicle through his small YouTube channel / space media entity called *Rocket Future*.

Lambda expresses how happy he is to make this contribution to the community, and he continues to look forward to more opportunities. He still hopes to work directly in the space industry some day, and of course, he hopes to see our planet from above.

*"I'm really glad to be a part of the I24, and I can't wait to see what's ahead."*







## I24 Headlines



I24's first sponsorship of One Space (formerly Yuri's Night) was a huge success! Held at Kennedy Space Center on June 21, 2025, the fundraising event was attended by several I24 members. The annual event raises funds for The SpaceKind Foundation and aims to celebrate humanity's achievements in space, particularly commemorating Yuri Gagarin's first spaceflight.



Members of the I24 also attended the National Space Society's annual conference, ISDC (International Space Development Conference), June 19-22, 2025 in Orlando, FL. Highlights included many in-depth symposiums on various space related topics, including moon & Mars topics, planetary defense, space habitation, innovation, space elevators, space health, and many more areas of study. Guest speakers included former NASA astronauts, commercial astronauts, award-winning scientists, and educators. [CLICK HERE to watch Ranger's video of Jared Isaacman's acceptance speech!](#)



Ranger with Jared Isaacman, Inspiration4 Commander



Zen with Dr. Sian Proctor, Inspiration4 Pilot



NASA astronauts Susan Kilrain & Hoot Gibson



Ranger with Dr. Gretchen Green, NS-32 astronaut



Moonwalker & Zen with Mike Mongo, astronaut teacher

NASA astronaut Winston E. Scott







## I24 Member Outreach

I24 member, Beth “Storyteller” Mund, is embarking on an underwater mission to connect space to sea, as part of her partnership with the [Stories to Space Project](#)!

STORIES of Space MISSION 05 will take place inside Jules’ Undersea Lodge, the only underwater habitat where humans can live and work. A team of storytellers, scientists, and aquanauts will explore what it means to be human in extreme environments, and how we carry “curiosity, culture, and creativity” wherever we go.

All I24 members are invited to a live UNDERWATER outreach Zoom call with Storyteller on her mission!

When: **July 12, 2025**

Time: **11:00 AM ET**

Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87902348902>

Meeting ID: 879 0234 8902



## Affiliate News

- **July 30<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline to apply to present abstracts at Space Habitat Event, an online international event dedicated to analog operations. [Get more info and APPLY HERE!](#)
- New Worlds and The Space Cowboy Ball are back this year, October 24 & 25, in Houston, TX at Space Center Houston! [GET YOUR TICKETS AND HOTEL NOW!](#) It sells out quickly!



**Meet some of your new I24 crewmates!**

[CLICK HERE to watch the replay of June's All-Hands Meeting](#)

## **NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH**

(June 2025)

### New Members

Jason Michaud  
Tasmai Penkar  
Shinul Paul  
Colin Cordova  
Don Wade

### Members with new call signs:

Mario “Leo Prime” Espinosa  
Victoria “Cliff Hanger” DeFazio  
Martin “Battlestar” Holec



**They're here!**

**Get your I24 shirts and hoodies on Amazon!**



### **“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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