



THE HERMES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INSPIRED 24

"I know the sky is not the limit, because there are footprints on the Moon." - Buzz Aldrin

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I24 Broadcasts History

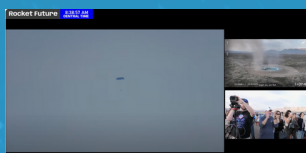


On Monday, April 14, 2025, I24 members, Andrew "Titan" Parris, Kristi Acuff, and Andrew "Lambda" Clifford gathered near Van Horn, TX to witness and celebrate Blue Origin's NS-31 spaceflight.

The incredible experience was broadcasted live by Lambda and Titan, and the replay is available on Lambda's YouTube channel, "ROCKET FUTURE."

Watch the replay [HERE!](#)

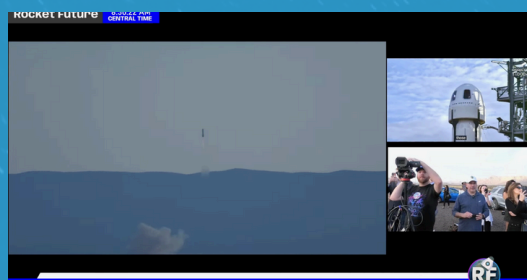
They were joined by 80 friends and colleagues of NS-31 astronaut, Amanda "Dragon" Nguyen. Additionally, I24 member, Dr. Eiman "Phoenix" Jahangir, who is also a Blue Origin astronaut, was selected for CAPCOM training for this mission. Phoenix flew on Blue Origin's NS-26 spaceflight in August 2024 and is now part of Blue Origin's spaceflight crew training program.



The recent NS-31 spaceflight was the eleventh launch of the Blue Origin New Shepard space tourism program. The passengers consisted of NASA aerospace engineer [Aisha Bowe](#), pop singer [Katy Perry](#), film producer [Kerianne Flynn](#), civil rights activist [Amanda Nguyen](#), journalist [Gayle King](#), and pilot and journalist [Lauren Sánchez](#).

This was the the first women-only spaceflight since the 1963 [Vostok 6](#) solo mission, which made Soviet cosmonaut [Valentina Tereshkova](#) the first woman in space.

The NS-31 flight also had two "firsts": Amanda Nguyen became the first woman of Vietnamese descent to go to space, and Aisha Bowe was the first Bahamian person to fly to space.





Member Spotlight!

Tim "Lego" Griepentrog



Tim "Lego" Griepentrog has been a space enthusiast for about as long as he can remember. Whether it was watching *Star Wars: A New Hope* as a kid on VHS, building the Lego Space Shuttle set (1682-1), re-watching *Apollo 13* as many times as he could, or daydreaming about a trip to Kennedy Space Center with his grandparents, Lego has had his head in the stars for a long time!

He always thought of space as something to admire from a distance, as opposed to actively participating in, but that started to change in his late 20's when he finally took that trip to KSC. He started following space events more closely, joined the space community on social media, and started religiously watching rocket launches (and landings)!

A major turning point for Lego was watching the inaugural Falcon Heavy launch while working his construction manufacturing job. About 8 years later, after an incredible amount of learning, networking, and strategizing, he took a volunteer layoff at the same company to try to land a job in the space industry. The risk paid off, and a few months later, Lego landed a job at SpaceX working in logistics on the space coast. He hopes his story can show there is a place in space even for people without engineering or tech degrees!



Lego now spends every day dashing around Cape Canaveral/Merritt Island running parts between SpaceX's multiple manufacturing sites and launch pads. He loves being a part of such a strong mission-driven organization, working alongside supremely talented and motivated people, and seeing/handling flight hardware almost every day! He loves living where space is the culture, as well as being able to step outside to see a launch several times per week. He enjoys hearing about other people's journeys into the industry and is eager to repay the help he got by helping others get there too.

In his free time, Lego enjoys exploring nature, both above and below water, and strategizing what astronaut-adjacent activities he wants to try next. He still loves playing with legos and has a sizable collection of 1:110 scale lego rockets, mostly from designs on Rebrickable.com.

Lego's journey has included attending countless space conferences, launch meetups, CHaSE trainings, SpaceKind11, Inspired24 (of course!), Space Gala, getting his Scuba Open Water & Advanced Open Water certs, visiting NASA centers and Starbase, and generally taking every opportunity to expand his network. His goal is to advance to Astronaut Operations at SpaceX and directly help astronauts and their families prepare for and successfully navigate their space missions. One day, he strives to go to space - maybe even walk on the moon! Lego wants to experience the Overview Effect and help as many people as possible experience it, too.





I24 Headlines

CHaSE Training Class #4

The next I24 spaceflight training is happening this month!

Spots are still available!

Here are the details:

- Location: Tucson, AZ (Univ. of AZ)
- Dates: May 31-June 1, 2025
- Cost: \$500/day, so \$1,000 for both days (does not include air, lodging or meals)
- Day 1: Water egress training in the Univ. of Arizona swimming pool; learn proper water ingress from parachute harness; proper usage of water survival suits; work as a team to navigate and enter a survival raft.
- Day 2: Pressure suit training; classroom & hands-on learning; working in teams “donning” & “doffing” pressurized suits.

Payment isn't due until a week or two before the class begins. And a Certificate of Spaceflight Training will be issued upon completion.

Please contact Titan at titan@theinspired24.com if you are interested or have questions!

****This will be the last CHaSE class hosted and taught by Trent “Atlas” Tresch. Future classes TBD.****



Members & Friends in Need



One of I24's youngest members, Myah “Mogwai” D’Agostino is seeking support in her efforts to represent the space and aviation community in the Miss Colorado contest this June. She established a non-profit, The Dream Catchers Legacy, to inspire young girls and kids to follow their dreams in honor of those who didn’t have a chance. Mogwai is also seeking support for ad pages in the Miss Colorado program book. **Check out her website for more info and to provide support!**

You can also email her:
callsignmogwai@icloud.com



One of the I24’s friends and collaborators, **Josh Hanes**, CEO and Founder of Uplift Aerospace and SPACE+, needs our help. His wife, Kerri, was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and while she’s facing this battle with strength and grace, the journey ahead will be challenging. Between medical bills, treatment costs, and time away from work, the financial strain is growing. If you feel inspired to assist their family, **CLICK HERE** for the GoFundMe link.



Affiliate News

- The I24 is now an official sponsor for **Yuri's Night** (now called One Space)! Come join the galactic fun on June 21, 2025 at Kennedy Space Center in Florida! Your ticket includes an immersive space experience, surprise guests (sometimes a famous astronaut!), art & storytelling installations, cocktails & food, and of course, live music & dancing! [**CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS TO KSC EVENT!**](#)
- There's still time to enter the Artemis II ZGI design challenge, sponsored by NASA & Freelancer.com! You can win over \$1,000 and have your ZGI flown on the Artemis II mission! Deadline to enter is May 27, 2025. [**CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE CHALLENGE!**](#)
- [SpaceKind](#) Crew 16 begins in May 2025! This 8-week virtual leadership training is led by Loretta Hidalgo Whitesides, a Founder Astronaut at Virgin Galactic and author of *The New Right Stuff*, which serves as a "textbook" for the course. This non-traditional learning course will invite you to open your heart, define your dreams, and share your life vision, all while navigating your own hero's journey and preparing you to make your unique contributions to the cosmos. [**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**](#)
- New Worlds and The Space Cowboy Ball are back this year, October 24 & 25, in Houston, TX! This one-of-a-kind conference combines interactive conversations with famous speakers in the space industry (Buzz Aldrin was the 2019 Cowboy Award Winner). And the famous Space Cowboy Ball will be held 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 APRIL'S All-Hands Meeting**](#)

NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

(April 2025)

New Members

Benedetta "Hubble" Facini
Will Kimber
Mario Espinosa
Gulruh Abdullajonova

Members with new call signs:

Nils "Lingo" Guan



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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