

# THE HERMES



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INSPIRED 24

*"Space is a frontier available to all, not limited to a select few" - Christa McAuliffe*

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## The Dawn of a New Day for I24

On August 26, 2024, The Inspired 24 hosted its first in-person fundraising event on behalf of St. Jude, as part of Jared Isaacman's Polaris Dawn space mission and launch. Our organization raised just over \$2,400 for St. Jude.

Despite multiple launch delays at Cape Canaveral, I24 members still enjoyed meeting in person and networking with other space enthusiasts and industry professionals, at Sunset Grill & Café in Cocoa Beach.

During the days leading up to the fundraising dinner, our members gathered for other activities, such as chartering a boat to view the Dragon rocket and Polaris capsule stacked on the launch pad, sunrise beach walks, visits to the Kennedy Space Center, and sharing lots of meals and comradery.

We hope this to be the first of many more fundraisers and in-person events for the Inspired 24!







## Member Spotlight!

Brooke "Rose" Edwards



Rose tells everyone that the Moon was her first love. She has two lifelong passions: space and storytelling. However, she was led to believe that she could not have both, and put aside her dreams of space, resorting to space "fandom", like many of us.

She, too, spent most of her young life only dreaming of being part of something so amazing, so much bigger than us. Battling depression, Rose wandered into a job field she had no passion for, only because it was socially expected.

"Of course," she says, "*normal* people don't work in space!"

But Rose's curiosity and desire to be involved in the space industry continued to occupy her mind. After most of her family passed away, she found herself young and alone, continuously asking herself, "what now?"

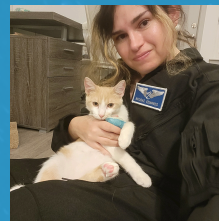
Determined, she refused to let her career path keep her unhappy. Rose had to do something. She had to look back and find her calling. It was space and storytelling, and the idea of becoming a "space writer," whatever that looked like.

Over a five year journey, Rose was ready to give up hope. Her efforts of becoming a science communicator were not providing the income she needed. Job rejection, after job rejection flooded her emails. But then, one afternoon, it happened - she got the offer of a dream job: Space Reporter!

That was three months ago. Rose now looks back on what transpired after receiving that job acceptance email. She gave up all she knew. Her job, the benefits, a relationship, her comfortable routine... she was ready to accept her calling. Rose packed her car with her most important belongings and drove over 1,000 miles, arriving at the "Welcome to Florida" sign.

"Somedays, tears of happiness still flow with no warning," Rose says.

Today, Rose fulfills her purpose and calling as a Space Reporter for *Florida Today*, a major daily newspaper serving Brevard County, FL. She lives happily on the space coast chasing astronauts and rockets, along with her "space cat", Creamsicle.



But Rose won't be stopped at just "Space Reporter." Her goals are inspiring and achievable (especially as a member of I24). Not only does she plan to be one of the first 100 females to reach orbit, but to also be a space science communicator and Citizen Scientist.

As part of her path for accomplishing her goals, Rose completed I24's very first CHaSE spaceflight training in 2023, as well as certification in open water diving and G-force training up to 6G's. She continues to advocate for STEAM education and access to space for all.

In her own words, "nothing is impossible!"







## I24 HEADLINES

### CHaSE Training Class #3

The next I24 spaceflight training is quickly approaching! **Spots are still available!**

Here are the details:

- Location: Tucson, AZ
- Dates: Nov. 16-17, 2024
- Cost: \$400/day, so \$800 for both days (does not include air, lodging or meals)
- Day 1: pressure suit training; classroom & hands-on learning; working in teams “donning” & “doffing” pressurized suits
- Day 2: 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

***This class will be led by I24's Vice President, Olivier “Chef” Barbeyrac!***

Please contact Titan at [titan@theinspired24.com](mailto:titan@theinspired24.com) if you are interested or have questions!

This October I24 will be giving away “Space Flown” items from Dr. Eiman’s NS-26 spaceflight. Stay tuned for more info!

**Missed September’s All Hands Meeting?**



**Watch the replay [HERE!](#)**

### October Launches

MISSION HERA: ESA’s robotic exploration of Didymos binary asteroid system that was impacted by DART.

DAY & TIME October 7, 9:52AM CDT

LOCATION Space Launch Complex 40, Cape Canaveral SFS, FL

ROCKET SpaceX Falcon 9 Block 5

MISSION Europa Clipper: NASA’s first dedicated mission to study Jupiter’s moon, Europa.

DAY & TIME October 10, 11:31AM CDT

LOCATION Launch Complex 39A, Kennedy Space Center, FL

ROCKET SpaceX Falcon Heavy

**Check out all global launches at [SpaceLaunchSchedule.com](https://www.spaceflightnow.com/space-launch-schedule/)**

## Affiliate News

- The Analog Astronaut Community is looking for new research ideas in areas like Sustainability, Human Health, Robotics, and more for the World’s Biggest Analog. Crew members across different habitats will simulate living off Earth, and your work could be part of it! **Submit your proposal by Nov. 30** and help shape the future of space exploration!
- Tickets now on sale for New Worlds, the most talked about conference and Space Cowboy Ball, Nov. 1-2, in Houston, TX!

## About the I24

### ***“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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