

# THE HERMES



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INSPIRED 24

*"Congratulations, SpaceX, you got the flag." - Astronaut Doug Hurley*

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## The Flight of "Phoenix"

One of the primary missions of The Inspired 24 is to prepare its members for spaceflight. On August 29, 2024, that mission was accomplished when Dr. Eiman "Phoenix" Jahangir successfully flew into space as a crew member with Blue Origin's New Shepard program (NS-26). **The I24 now has a designated astronaut on its roll-call!**

Phoenix's seat was secured through a raffle drawing by MoonDAO, an organization whose mission is to accelerate a multiplanetary future with an open platform to fund, collaborate and compete on challenges that get us closer to lunar settlement. Phoenix has also participated in analog astronaut missions and trained in various aspects of human spaceflight. This mission not only fulfills Phoenix's dream but also represents the I24's vision of making space accessible to everyone.

**Watch the replay of Phoenix's flight!**



**Watch our post-flight interview and Q&A with Phoenix!**



Get your special edition t-shirt of Phoenix's flight, courtesy of MoonDao!

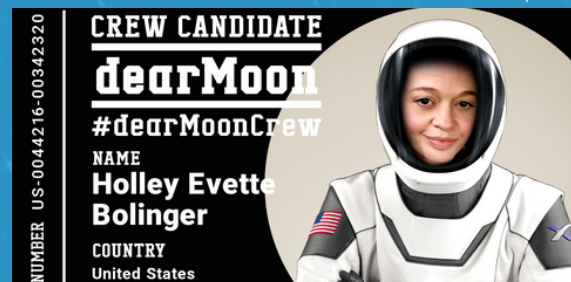
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## Member Spotlight!

### Holley "Grit" Bolinger



Grit's love for space began in her very early childhood with a book that depicted Neil Armstrong's footprints on the moon. Even though she was too young to read, she carried that book with her, everywhere she went.

Inspired by her father's stories of NASA, Grit began a life-long journey of dreaming about her turn to experience a "ride" into space. When she was in the third grade, Grit wrote an essay on Sally Ride, noting the struggles the astronaut endured from an early age and how she never gave up on her dreams, despite being encouraged to quit.

More than 25 years later, the connection between Grit and Ride was solidified. Like Sally Ride, Grit has also faced difficulties on her path, mainly due to a learning and mental health disability since birth.

Today, she promotes STEM Education and is an advocate for mental health awareness and education in hopes that her testimony and experiences will help others.



In addition to her outreach contributions, Grit came close to her dreams coming true, when she was encouraged by her father to apply for the "dearMoon" crew candidate selection. The project was a space tourism mission aimed at sending its founder, Yusaku Maezawa, and 8 civilian artists around the moon.

Grit made it to the 3rd round of selection (the project was eventually cancelled), but her life trajectory was officially set on a course for fulfillment. Today, you can find Grit behind a camera lens aimed at that Starship she once came close to boarding.

Now a freelance photographer, Grit documents launches and activity at the SpaceX Starbase Launch Facility. Her work is primarily performed from the Upper Deck of Raptor Roost & LabPadre's Lookout.



Grit was also one of the first I24 crew members for the CHaSE Spaceflight Training at the University of Arizona's Biosphere 2, in July 2023. She is also a member of the Analog Astronaut Community, a graduate of SpaceKind, and participates in organizations such as, Space For Humanity, Mission Astro Access, and NASA's Citizen Scientist.

*"My life was forever changed the moment I found myself on a sand dune looking up at SN15, as I have been given a second chance at life, a chance to show that my disability does not define who I am." ~Grit*







## I24 HEADLINES

### ***Polaris Dawn Meetup & Scrubs***

8/26: Team prep scrub

8/27: Helium leak scrub

8/28: Splash-down weather scrub

Several I24 members gathered in Cape Canaveral for the launch of Polaris Dawn but were met with multiple scrubs. Regardless, our fundraiser for St. Jude (on behalf of the Polaris Program) was still a success!

***Stay tuned next month for photos and & more info!***

(\*as of publication, new launch date TBD)

### ***Save The Date!***

9/14/24 - 3rd Anniversary of the I24

## Affiliate News

- The next CHaSE Spaceflight Training at Biosphere 2 with the University of Arizona will be mid-November. More details will be provided at the next all-hands meeting. Contact Titan to enroll!
- [Tickets now on sale for New Worlds](#), the most talked about conference and Space Cowboy Ball, Nov. 1-2, in Houston, TX!
- World's Biggest Analog coming in 2025. [Click here for info!](#)

## Member in Action!

The stars aligned for Keith "Code" Yohn during his trip to the Space Coast for the Polaris Dawn launch, as he successfully completed his first "test flight" in an L-39 provided by the Polaris Program. His family and other I24 members watched from the ground as he got the thrill of a lifetime, courtesy of pilot John "Slick" Baum.

(Are you also a member in action? Send photos and copy to [rosanasotile@gmail.com](mailto:rosanasotile@gmail.com))



## 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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