

# THE HERMES



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INSPIRED 24

*"The time will come when we permit more people in space." - John Glenn*

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## MAKING SPACE!

The Inspired 24 Celebrates Women in Space and STEM!

*Join us for an incredible evening of networking and celebration on the Space Coast!*

As part of I24's mission to provide opportunities for networking with organizations and people who support inclusive participation in space exploration, we are hosting a networking event to accomplish just that!

**When:** Friday, November 8th, 5-8pm

**Where:** Sands Space History Museum, followed by an after-party at Rising Tide Tap & Table, Cape Canaveral.



**Register HERE and use code "I24MEMBER" for discount price!**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet your fellow I24 members, network, and be part of the growing conversation about the future of women in space and STEM fields.

## MAKING SPACE

A NETWORKING EVENT FOR SPACE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND SUPPORTERS OF WOMEN IN STEM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH  
5:00-8:00PM

SANDS SPACE HISTORY CENTER

100 SPACE PORT WAY  
BUILDING 9032B  
CAPE CANAVERAL, FL 32920

### SANDS SPACE HISTORY CENTER

Cape Canaveral, Florida



### Your hosts:

I24

Give Her...Space  
Space Happy Hour

### Speaker Lineup:

Mike Mongo

Karsen Kitchen

Joan Melendez-Misner

Beth Dean-Pope







## Member Spotlight!

### Heather "Comms" Smith



Comms's fascination with space began during a captivating sixth-grade field trip where she explored a mock-up segment of the International Space Station. Later, she watched the STS-111 mission on TV, which was during Expedition 4 & 5 increments of the space station. Driven by her newfound passion, Comms moved to Florida from Louisiana, home to the renowned Museum of Science and History (The MOSH) and the historic Kennedy Space Center. It was here that she immersed herself in the world of space exploration.

The first time Comms saw a space shuttle launch was outside of her high school. Her teacher was a former *Teacher in Space* finalist who took the entire class to witness the first launch of 2003. Eventually, 16-days later, that mission would solidify her interest in human spaceflight. After experiencing the loss of STS-107 Space Shuttle Columbia, Comms was determined to be a part of this captivating and complex world. She secured an internship at The MOSH in Jacksonville, FL. This opportunity granted her unprecedented access to behind-the-scenes operations, where she worked as a planetarium intern and gained hands-on experience with space-related artifacts and educational programs for three years. She was hired before graduating and worked as a Planetarium Educator for almost ten years.

Comms's journey continued as she witnessed the final space shuttle launch of STS-135, a monumental event that allowed her to meet 150 other space enthusiasts.

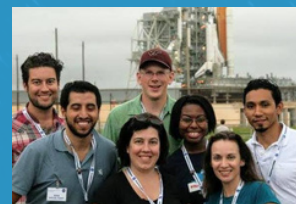
This experience reinforced her love for space and solidified her commitment to pursuing a career in the field. She was encouraged by a fellow NASA Social attendee & now mentor to complete her education in communication.

Comms is now a double-graduate of the University of North Florida, earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in public relations and public policy, respectively, and expanding her knowledge of space science and engineering with others. Through her work as a Solar System Ambassador for the Jet Propulsion Lab & Caltech, she has organized educational workshops, led interactive presentations, and coordinated outreach initiatives aimed at inspiring the next generation of space enthusiasts.



Now as a member of The Inspired 24, Comms has dedicated her career to fostering public engagement and igniting curiosity about space exploration. Her academic achievements opened doors to exciting opportunities, leading her to join this fantastic organization, currently welcoming every new member that joins the organization as the I24 Director of Operations.

Comms's passion for space has taken her on an incredible journey, from the awe-inspiring moment during her field trip, to her current role as a dedicated member of The Inspired 24. Her dedication and enthusiasm continue to inspire others to reach for the stars and embrace the limitless possibilities of space exploration. When we say "space is for everyone" we truly mean that! Everyone is welcome.







## I24 HEADLINES

### *There's still time to enroll in our CHaSE Training Class #3!!*

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: 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.

*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!

Missed October's All Hands Meeting?



Watch the replay HERE!

## Member in Action!

Our very own Trent "Atlas" Tresch recently visited ESA's Vertical Treadmill facility in Austria! He experienced Earth, Lunar and Martian gravity with all four gaits used by the astronauts on the moon.

Click to learn more about the facility!



## Affiliate News

- Are you an innovator? Do you want to build a résumé for a space career? Join the I24 innovation group. We're looking to do big things, build amazing stuff, and do research in many different fields of space exploration. [Click here to sign up!](#)
- The Analog Astronaut Community is still accepting research proposals. [Submit yours by Nov. 30](#) and help shape the future of space exploration!
- Join the [MoonDao I24 Team](#) & be part of an open source space community where everything is proposed, governed, and created by its members. Contact Titan for more info.

## 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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