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Astronaut and Alum Greg Chamitoff to Visit Cal Poly Campus on May 8

SAN LUIS OBISPO – What is it like to call the International Space Station home? Just ask astronaut and Cal Poly engineering alum Greg Chamitoff, who will give a public presentation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly. Everyone is encouraged to attend this free event.

Chamitoff will talk about his experience living on the International Space Station for approximately six months last year. He served on the station with Russian cosmonauts Sergei Volkov and Oleg Kononenko, acting as the station's flight engineer and science officer. He returned to Earth in November on shuttle mission STS-126, having logged a total of 183 days in space.

As an undergraduate at Cal Poly, Chamitoff taught lab courses in circuit design and worked summer internships at Atari Computers and IBM. Chamitoff went on to earn master's degrees from the California Institute of Technology and the University of Houston Clear Lake, and his doctorate in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

While at MIT, Chamitoff worked on the Hubble Space Telescope, flight control upgrades for the Space Shuttle autopilot and the altitude control system for the Space Station.

For more information on Chamitoff's presentation, contact Amy Hewes at 805-756-6402 or at ahewes@calpoly.edu.

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