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Cal Poly Alum Gregory Chamitoff Scheduled to Reside On International Space Station in April

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Alum Gregory Chamitoff will soon have quite a view out of the closest window. The 1984 Electrical Engineering graduate has been selected to work and live onboard the International Space Station, another remarkable step in what has proven to be an incredible professional career.

Chamitoff will begin his journey in late April on Space Shuttle mission STS-124. He will stay on the ISS until September, returning back to earth with Shuttle mission STS-126.

As an undergraduate student at Cal Poly, Chamitoff taught lab courses in circuit design and worked summer internships at Atari Computers and IBM. Chamitoff fondly remembers Cal Poly Mathematics Professor James Mueller, who he contacted recently about his upcoming Space Station trip.



From Cal Poly, Chamitoff went on to earn master's degrees from the California Institute of Technology and the University of Houston Clear Lake, and his Ph.D. 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.

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