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It's National Astronaut Day, But You Don't Have to Leave Earth to Explore What's Next

MOSI's "Above and Beyond" exhibit opens May 16, bringing the future of flight and space exploration down to Earth

TAMPA, FL (May 5, 2026) – As excitement builds around the next era of space exploration, **MOSI, Tampa's Museum of Science & Innovation** is giving you a way to get closer to that dream—no rocket required—announcing its newest exhibit **today, on [National Astronaut Day](#)**.

Starting May 16, you can step into the future of flight and space travel when MOSI's newest exhibit, *Above and Beyond*, officially opens.

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Courtesy: Evergreen Exhibitions

This limited-time, hands-on aerospace experience takes visitors from the Wright brothers' first flight to the possibilities of tomorrow. **[Above and Beyond](#)** blends imagination, engineering, and exploration in a way that puts you in the pilot's seat.

The journey begins in a wraparound immersive theater before opening into four interactive galleries: Up, Faster, Higher, and Smarter, each designed to turn big ideas into real experiences.

- Design and test your own supersonic jet
- Explore a giant multitouch timeline and interactive simulations
- Experience what it feels like to soar in formation with your friends and family

Created in collaboration with Boeing, NASA, and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, ***Above and Beyond*** connects the wonder of discovery with the real-world innovations shaping the future of aerospace.

"At MOSI, we want to spark the kind of curiosity that leads to big ideas," said MOSI CEO John Graydon Smith. "Right now, there's so much excitement around space and exploration. This exhibit gives everyone a new, hands-on way to capture that energy and enthusiasm."

Above and Beyond will be included with MOSI admission and will only touch down in Tampa for a limited time.

About MOSI, Tampa's Museum of Science & Innovation

MOSI is Tampa Bay's center of science and innovation, located in North Tampa at 4801 E. Fowler Ave.

Welcome to the Museum of Science & Innovation, where the wonders of science come to life. We are a hands-on science center dedicated to interactive learning, inspiration, and discovery. As the home of engaging permanent and rotating exhibits, out-of-this-world programming, and the immersive Holloway Digital Dome Theatre, home of the Saunders Planetarium—the second largest planetarium in the United States—MOSI makes science and technology accessible to all. Come join us on a journey of discovery and unlock the mysteries of the world around us. Learn more at mosi.org.

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