

Photo Caption: Left to right: Greg Chamitoff PhD '92, Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper '84, Stephen Bowen ENG '93, Mike Fincke '89 (taken on Nov 24, 2008). Photo Credit: Courtesy of NASA

MIT Alums In Space – Four, At The Same Time!

There have been many times in which two MIT astronauts have been in space at the same time (9 Space Shuttle missions and 1 Apollo mission), but for the first time in NASA history, four MIT astronauts were in space simultaneously in November, 2008.

MIT Alums [Stephen Bowen](#) and [Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper](#) launched into space on Nov 14, 2008 via Space Shuttle Mission STS-126 and joined MIT Alums [Greg Chamitoff](#) and [Mike Fincke](#) on the International Space Station (ISS) on Nov 16, 2008.

Bowen, Chamitoff, Fincke and Stefanyshyn-Piper were together on the ISS from Nov 16 through Nov 28, 2008, and returned to Earth via the [Space Shuttle Endeavour on Nov 30, 2008](#).

Chamitoff flew to the ISS as a mission specialist on Shuttle Mission [STS-124](#) on May 31, 2008.

Fincke flew to the ISS on Oct 12, 2008 via Soyuz spacecraft and returned to Earth via Soyuz spacecraft on April 8, 2009.

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