

Scientist Astronaut Candidate Dr. Shawna Pandya in town to co-host the LUMEN Kitchen Party

EDMONTON, Alberta – October 9, 2020 – TELUS World of Science – Edmonton is honoured to welcome Dr. Shawna Pandya on board to co-host the LUMEN Kitchen Party on October 16, along side the science centre’s own Alan Nursall, President & CEO.

Dr. Pandya is an ideal co-host for an event with a Science Twist! Not only is she a scientist-astronaut candidate with Project PoSSUM, she is also a physician, aquanaut, speaker, martial artist, advanced diver, skydiver, pilot-in-training, VP Immersive Medicine with Luxsonic Technologies and Fellow of the Explorers’ Club.

As if that weren’t enough, Dr. Pandya is also Director of the International Institute of Astronautical Sciences (IIAS)/PoSSUM Space Medicine Group, Chief Instructor of the IIAS/PoSSUM Operational Space Medicine course, Chair of Strategic Directives for the PoSSUM13, clinical lecturer at the University of Alberta, a newly appointed Primary Investigator (PI) for the Shad Canada-Blue Origin student microgravity competition, session organizer for ASCEND 2020 and serves as medical advisor to several space companies, including Orbital Assembly Construction and United Space Structures.

Dr. Pandya and Nursall will co-host live from the science centre’s own kitchen, the *Purple Pear* on Friday, October 16 from 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. MST.

Kitchen Party festivities include:

- Live performances by music stars **Brett Kissel**, **JJ Wilde** and **Mike Plume**, comedian **Andrew Grose**, and more!
- A delicious menu of exciting DIY science experiments, such as a Pumpkin Spice Explosion, Chocolate Mousse emulsions, and crafting your own cocktails – with a science twist.
- An online Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle.
- And more!

All from the comfort of your own kitchen! Tickets are just \$20 + GST per kitchen.

Get yours today! twose.ca/kitchenparty

The **LUMEN Kitchen Party** is a virtual fundraising event, in support of science education in our community. The support we receive helps us continue to provide fun and exciting outreach programs that provide much-needed resources for educators and

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Dr. Shawna Pandya is available for virtual interviews now through October 16, 2020. All media interested in an interview are encouraged to contact:

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