

Dr. Andrew Feustel Heading for Space in April



Pictured (L-R) are Cornwall Mayor Bob Kilger, Astronaut Dr. Andrew Feustel and Indra Bhatnager, Feustel's wife. Last spring, Feustel visited Cornwall and the City Council chambers to sign the golden book. On April 19, Feustel will travel on the...

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In just under three months, Dr. Andrew Feustel will be leaving this planet and heading for outer space. On April 19, 2011, Feustel will board the NASA Space Shuttle "Endeavour." Feustel has very close ties with the City of Cornwall. He is married to Indra Bhatnagar, who grew up in Cornwall and is a CCVS graduate.

Feustel and his wife visited the City Council chambers on May 28 and were invited to sign the golden book, which is reserved for those who have accomplished great feats and contributed to the city in a positive way.

The "Endeavour," which is slated to launch at about 8 p.m. on the 19th, will carry a six-man crew, led by Commander Mark Kelly. It will be a 14-day mission to deliver Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) and spare parts to the International Space Station.

Feustel served on the crew of the Space Shuttle Atlantis in May 2009 (STS-

125), the final Space Shuttle mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. The mission successfully extended and improved the observatory's capabilities. In completing his first space mission, Dr. Feustel logged almost 13 days in space.