



CHRIS HASKELL

As a small boy growing up in a quiet circle of houses in Conway Heights, Chris Haskell did not think too much of mile high adventures and global pursuits. He was occupied with all the trappings of typical small boys: fielding and hitting balls in backyard games, attending school during the week and church on Sundays, hanging out with friends. As a teenager attending Freedom Area High School, those same mile high adventures were not in the forefront of his life. There he was consumed with upper level classes, basketball practice, parades under blistering suns with marching bands. There he enjoyed the lure of the stage, the challenge of the classroom, the triumph of graduating 18th in his class. But still there was little thought of global pursuits.

All of that changed when Chris marched across the stage on graduation night and into the halls of Geneva College to pursue his degree in Physics and Applied Mathematics.

There, after graduating with the highest GPA in mathematics, Chris Haskell began to turn his attention to the sky, and to all the heights that vast sky promised him.

For eight years after leaving Geneva, through the Bendix Aerospace Corporation, Chris worked on a variety of NASA missions. He assumed the roles of data analyst, operations engineer, and mission operations manager on such renowned missions as the Hubble Space Telescope, Gamma Ray Observatory, Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous, and the Vegetation Canopy Lidar.

Beginning in 1994, with the encouragement of mentor and former astronaut Rick Hieb, Chris went on to complete a masters degree in Applied Physics with an Astrophysics concentration, at Johns Hopkins University. He earned that degree in 1997.

School was not yet over for Chris Haskell. In 2000, ever mindful of the excellent value of study abroad, he pursued an MBA at the Imperial College Business School at the University of London in the United Kingdom. Although his original plan was to return to the USA and resume work at NASA after receiving his MBA, he was invited by Lockheed Martin to work as business development manager, developing the complex transportation system in the United Kingdom.

Chris Haskell's affiliation with Lockheed Martin led to eight years of work in the United Kingdom. During that time he won the contract for the first major London Underground upgrade project, the Jubilee Line 7th Car Project. Subsequently, he led a second project to upgrade another major London Underground, the Waterloo & City Line. At this point his reputation in London's business community was securely cemented.

The year 2005 was a time of both euphoria and despair for London, and both had a significant impact on Chris. London won the right to host the 2012 Olympics, and Chris had his eye on working transportation for the landmark event. Only days after this announcement, terrorists attacked the London Underground, spreading sorrow and outrage across the city he had grown to call home.

But London rallied, and Chris Haskell again found himself at the forefront of an historic event when he started a company called Integrated Transport Consulting Limited and won a contract that led to four year of work for the Olympics. He became as a secondee for the Olympic Delivery Authority's Transport Team. During that time his work focused primarily on the Stratford Station Upgrade project and the West Ham Upgrade project.

Throughout his distinguished career at home and abroad, Chris Haskell garnered much notoriety and a collection of awards and honors. During his time at NASA, he was awarded the Marvin Demmler Award for outstanding and exceptional service to the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. While studying for his MBA in London, he won a business plan competition that awarded his team \$50K. In this endeavor he beat out fifty other entries and developed a wind shear detection system based on lidar technology that could be retrofitted onto older, small aircraft.

Chris Haskell's personal life was as rich as his professional life. In 2006 he was awarded dual citizenship in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It was an honor to accept this dual citizenship through the U. S. Embassy in London. Then in 2010 he married his wife, Grace, in London at the same time his work for the Olympic Delivery Authority was nearing completion. Grace, an accomplished architect, was offered a position in Los Angeles, working on the Guggenheim Museum project in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Chris accepted a position with LA Metro as a senior transportation planning manager.

But after three years destiny intervened, taking Chris and Grace to yet another continent for work on another major event, the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. In Doha, Qatar, Chris serves as Project Manager for the Msheireb Station project, the ain central station for the new Doha Metro system. While in Qatar, Chris and Grace welcomed the birth of their daughter, Calidon Primrose Haskell, on May 31, 2015. Like her father, she has dual UK and USA Citizenship, and before she reached the age of one year, she already had accumulated 24,000 air miles and visited five countries.

Global entrepreneur that he has become, Chris Haskell is far from finished. He continues to seek new challenges, new career possibilities. His eye is ever on other career opportunities, on other experiences to give his family, on other projects to explore and to tackle. The little boy who once thought the sky overhead in Conway represented all the world is now thousands of miles and hundreds of experiences away from that familiar but limited horizon. The boy who dribbled basketballs, marched on football fields, and sang on a high school stage now jets continent to continent taking on new challenges, guiding new projects. His vision: unwavering. His ambition: unyielding. His achievements: vast as the sky itself.