



Mission to Mercury

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Irene Yachbes has been a tech professional in the robotics and digital industries for 18 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia and her Masters Degree in Technical Management from Johns Hopkins University. As a Spacecraft Engineer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in Maryland, she performed integration, testing, and launch site support for four spacecraft that studied the Earth's atmosphere, planets and comets.

On the Messenger mission to Mercury, she was the Lead Engineer for all electrical wiring of the spacecraft. Following this, Irene became the Director of Business Development at Honeybee Robotics. Working with world-renowned scientists and engineers, she brought in tens of millions of dollars of research and product development funding for robotics projects.

With the support of friends and mentors, Irene decided to create the first grassroots Maker space in her home on Long Island for her son Eric and his friends.