when I was down in Florida as an astronaut candidate our class actually had the chance to see discovery up close

that was the first vehicle I saw up close and it was being stacked and ready
to roll out to the pad and so a couple of us even stayed longer and we got to see discovery head out of the VAB and start rolling towards through the pad

and this is a really big deal because it was return to flight what everything is really exciting because it's I mean you’ve imagined this vehicle or all the vehicles for a long time but when you
see something up close you realize what's not tell what's blankets

it's just a really beautiful vehicle

it's a really clean vehicle and people

always ask you know after the use of these vehicles they start to show their wear and tear yeah on the outside they do because we don't replace everything because not have to some things can remain on and so the blankets and stuff aren't pristine white because they can be reused that's the whole point of having a reusable vehicle but inside is really clean and you can tell that crews
have a lot of pride in her and then of

course the folks that fix her up when

she's doubt of the OPF they also have a

lot of pride in here but it's a great

vehicle later when I went back

well actually I found out just a few

months before I flew my mom was cleaning

my old bedroom back at home in Colorado

and she said hey you know that that

shuttle model that you made when you

went to Space Camp

I was like yeah it's hanging in my room

it's kind of funny mom you probably need

to take down the shrine there's nothing
and she said well I looked and it's

44 00:02:21,759 --> 00:02:27,849
discovery and I was like that's just

45 00:02:24,610 --> 00:02:30,040
really cool that you know I made this

46 00:02:27,849 --> 00:02:32,319
model and it ends up because of delays

47 00:02:30,039 --> 00:02:35,139
that we had due to cold weather in

48 00:02:32,319 --> 00:02:37,259
Florida we ended up flying 20 years

49 00:02:35,139 --> 00:02:39,849
after I went to Space Camp in Huntsville

50 00:02:37,259 --> 00:02:42,399
and it was on the vehicle I made the

51 00:02:39,849 --> 00:02:44,439
model of so that's this kind of a neat

52 00:02:42,400 --> 00:02:48,060
connection just happened by chance but

53 00:02:44,439 --> 00:02:48,060
it was a really cool to enjoy to happen