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hi my name is Courtney Stern

00:00:13,699 --> 00:00:18,439
I’m the NASA lead operations engineer

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for Orion landing and recovery I’ve been

00:00:18,439 --> 00:00:22,910
with NASA for almost 20 years now I

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started as a summer intern the first

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summer after I graduated from high

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school and did one more summer

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internship before transitioning to the

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co-op program for the rest of my time

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until I graduated and got hired on the

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nasa full-time the people asked me how

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did you how did you start with nasa you

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know how do you how do you get in with
NASA I think you know the best thing is
take an opportunity to get started as a
co-op or an intern take a summer internship take a co-op whatever
you can do to get your foot in the door
and make those contacts and you know get established and you know use that to
your advantage take every opportunity
people give you volunteer if someone asks you for something if you want to
participate in something help with something say yes some of the best
opportunities I've had or because I said
sure I'll try that I'll learn that I'll
do that and those turned out to be some

of the most rewarding experiences being

a female in this field definitely a

minority sometimes that's kind of a cool

thing you know you get to be unique and

improve yourself and get a lot of really

neat experiences and I think that

sometimes

people have a lot of respect for that

right now we're all really focused on

getting through these next few tests and

labeling us to be ready for the recovery

premium one and I think we're all just

really excited to get to that point and
see all of our hard work pay off