I'm most proud of my heritage in the
sense of the fact that African Americans
are people of strength we are people of
perseverance and we were spiritual
people and when you put those things
together I think you get a community of
folks who are loving kind if we embrace
all people and at the same time we have
a way of loving one another that maybe
it's not experienced to anywhere else
only in the NASA environment is when
you're allowed to extra exercise those
things that you bring to the table that
are unique to you those things that are
critical to the mission and watch them come together and mold together such that you address the data submission you see this product flying off into space and when I was in school at MIT there's nothing better than actually doing the space stuff putting stuff into orbit just doesn't compare to driving a car or building a car well I'm the product of two teachers from a small town in south Louisiana and it is a highlight it is a unexpected emergent property that a small boy from south Louisiana who had no idea what he was going to do when he
got to college ended up at NASA having dealt with and played with major mason as a kid you know with space toys never thought in my wildest dreams that I would be here and NASA doing the things that I do today and it's only through the grace of God that I'm here in preparation for working at with NASA especially those that are young I would suggest that they learn to one read well right well I understand math and continue to study science along with that along the way the other part of it is that get comfortable speaking about
what's important to you I learned a long time ago that you can have a great idea but if you're not able to communicate that idea in written or oral forms the idea doesn't exist until it leaves your brain and is communicated to someone else it just won't exist in that how great you are and how wonderful you are the world will never know the reason that I am an engineer is because it came from my grandfather and then my dad after that my grandfather could build anything he could you can visualize it and then created out of nothing but he was never able to do it
in an environment where he had to support communities you know he did it from a survival standpoint but those skills and capabilities I watched him and my father and my uncle's do those things and that just inspired me to figure out how stuff works why the lot of things work the way that they do and then turn that around and didn't get it formalized into an engineer all the engineering disciplines own