so I came from a background where we were mostly civilian to DoD civilians and Army soldiers so I was very comfortable with that background so some of my challenges that come here is working with strictly civilians has never been part of the Armed Services that's a little different also working with a large contractor force I believe here we have over 400 personnel the contractors and that's that's a huge difference for me you know work with the different procedures of a policy so that that's been the biggest
challenge for me thus far so one of the
ways that I am and then when that
challenge is instead of me being so
aggressive as far as you know demanding
things or or trying to be so political
one of the ways I’m trying to address
the challenges is is I’m trying to step
back and actually understand the process
and so where I feel myself you know
turning myself for getting stuck in a
shed I step back and ask the question
you know you know what is preventing
this actors from going through you know
what is going on what what what are your
procedural policy or getting this done

and so I think by stepping back asking

the question and then getting the

response I'm able to better you know

tackle a challenge I'm able to better to

handle the the problem better and I

would say the the person I look to as a

mentor of the most currently as I'm mr.

Jim Walker I look to him for almost

everything every time writing a paper or

doing an article or anytime I have a

challenge or struggle I always go to him

first and get his a page so I was

obviously he's one of the mentors that I
deal with on a daily basis I saw I would

always say you know first you also have

to look within yourself you talk about

improvement you talk about improving

diversity and I think it always starts

you know with yourself with you so you

know first you know look at yourself and

look how you know how can I get better

how can I see the world that I live in

today how can I see it different you

know not only just coaches but you know

how can I expand my mind you know how

can I you know increase my my health or

even you know financial so I always look

at yourself and how you can get better
and then you know think outside the box

you know I would have never thought you

know in the my wildest dreams that you

know I'll be working at NASA and then if

you want to do something you know just

go for it just put your mom

all your effort and just go for it and I

was sitting long the way if you could

seek out a mentor that's that's a good

idea