00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:04.950
aboard the International Space Station

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expedition 24 flight engineer Shannon

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Walker the first NASA astronaut who is a

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native Houstonian was joined by her

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crewmates Tracy Caldwell Dyson and doug

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wheelock as she fielded questions from

00:00:14.669 --> 00:00:21.329
KPRC TV houston during an in-flight

00:00:18.059 --> 00:00:23.549
interview on august 30 of 2010 Walker

00:00:21.329 --> 00:00:25.799
arrived on the station with we lock in

00:00:23.550 --> 00:00:28.500
June and will return to Earth in late

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November Caldwell Dyson arrived on the

00:00:28.500 --> 00:00:33.238
complex in April and will return to

00:00:30.778 --> 00:00:35.100
Earth in late-september joining me now

00:00:33.238 --> 00:00:37.649
from the international space station or
the flight engineers from expedition 24

Tracy Caldwell Dyson Douglas relic and

shannon walker how are you guys we're

doing very well thank you we want to

first start with Shannon we know your

native Houstonian Shannon how does it

feel to represent the space city all the

way in space well I'm very proud to be

here and to be a native Houstonian it

and to represent Houston up here in

space it's a wonderful opportunity

thanks now can you tell us a little bit

about your life growing up in Houston

where you went to high school and
college well I suppose my life was a

pretty typical growing up in Houston i

went to westbury high school and then

got on to rice university for college

okay Shannon I know it's your first trip

into space what's it been like for you

I'm sure lots of new discoveries it's

been absolutely wonderful up here every

day it seems like I'm learning something

new about how to operate better in space

we're just busy all the time taking care

of the science and taking care of the

station and it's it's just a

wonderful time and Shannon we all know
this is your first time up there is

another question did you bring anything

special with you well I have a few

pictures of family and friends but

there's not a lot of room to pack much

stuff on the Soyuz right now okay we're

going to get to a serious question all

of you guys went through a tense

situation a few weeks ago when there

were some problems with the space and

cooling system were you able what were

your roles in the repairs and is it six

now it is fixed now and we're glad of

that it did there were Wars a couple of

couple of weeks there where it's touch
and go we had alarms that woke us up and just before we were getting ready to go to bed and we had a pump module that failed outside and it really put the team in a very challenging situation but we were able to come through and get it repaired and we're back to do in science on the space station hmm okay thanks glad to hear that now when do you all get back to to come to earth when you get to come back Courtney some of us are coming back sooner than others myself alexander skvortsov and we fell
go are returning in a couple of weeks
docking on September 24th and returning
I'll be returning to houston shortly
after that and for Doug and Shannon
they'll be returning around Thanksgiving
okay thanks Traci and I have to say by
the way I love the hair Shannon one more
question for you do you have any
messages for people back home who might
be watching oh well for people back home
I think they should be proud of NASA and
proud of what we're accomplishing on the
space station we're doing good things up
here well thank you so much and thank
you all for joining us we really appreciate you taking the time out to talk to us today it's good to talk to you accordingly thank you