to me discrimination is a deliberate act
to restrict one's either growth or limit
one's potential based on any particular feature if you will of that individual
whether it be race whether it be gender
whether it be cultural background having
grown up in Mississippi and
understanding the history of that in the
history of the south is different than most others I went to a high school
that was probably ninety five percent white but I was academically socially
athletically successful there so if I
experienced discrimination I wasn't
aware and it's only been as I've gotten older that I've become able to appreciate what some of those instances might have been. NASA has always to me been a beacon for how folks are to be hard to be treated at least in my experience and that if you're capable of doing the job if you demonstrate that you're capable of doing the job you will be given an opportunity to do that job so it's it's an example of what a society could be if it didn't have or without the problems of racism and discrimination now we're in the position
of influencing and growing this agency

to accomplish a vision of possibly

putting people on Mars and so my desire

with that is to accomplish putting

people on Mars to be one of the people

that even if it's just one of ten

thousand names to just have my name

associated with we were able to

accomplish this I think that's the mark

that I would like like to leave that you

can if you put in the hard work if you

educate yourself if you find your place

and work in that place and do all you

can to make
part successful you make the whole even

better I am NASA