



SOUND BITES



NASA
PEOPLE &
CAREERS

INSIGHTS TO INSPIRE

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I do Jiu Jitsu. It's very much like wrestling. It's almost like human chess,\h\h

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you have to try to find the right place to make the other guy tap out, so it's pretty cool sport.\h\h

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My name is Luis Rodriguez. I work at NASA Glenn Research Center. I work in the thermal\h\h

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energy conversion branch. They transfer thermal energy to electrical energy, so they pretty much\h\h

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power anything from space homes, moon homes, moon vehicles, things like that. When I was,\h\h

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I think I was I would say 10, 9 that I went to my dentist, and um I always wanted to be an astronaut\h\h

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since I was a kid. And he told me, he told me the things you have to do to be an astronaut are\h\h

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study engineering and get in the Air Force, then you'll be an astronaut, and try to get into NASA.\h\h

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So I did engineering, I went in the Air Force I'm at NASA so there's one more step left.

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Hopefully Mars. Hopefully Mars.

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Don't think because you're not the smartest in the\h
class or have the top scores, you won't make it.\h\h

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I didn't have the top scores but I kept pushing\h
through. And I think that's what kids need to\h\h

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hear these days, they can do it they can\h
push through it just it just takes time.\h\h

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Definitely flying, yeah definitely flying. It\h
would be cool, flying and being able to fly into\h\h

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outer space, that would be key. I would give a\h
big credit uh to my mom just because she, she um\h\h

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well I was born in Colombia, and she's the one\h
that brought all my siblings here, so she was a\h\h

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very hard worker. I think part of that I saw her\h
working that hard just to push us through school\h\h

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and get us through our college and that showed\h
me if she could do that I can do as well, too.\h\h

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We're seven all together so, the breakout is\h
five boys, two girls, and the girls are at\h\h

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opposite ends. Always look for different routes\h
to succeed, not just, do not only pick one,\h\h