

*Conversations
with Goddard*



Melissa Gates



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00:00:00,520 --> 00:00:05,110

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00:00:11,509 --> 00:00:09,049

uh hello my name is Melissa Gates and I

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00:00:14,570 --> 00:00:11,519

am the secretary three uh for Goddard

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00:00:16,849 --> 00:00:14,580

and NASA I assist with the customers uh

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:16,859

coming in helping my managers being as

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00:00:21,529 --> 00:00:18,960

supportive as I can when I was growing

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00:00:24,170 --> 00:00:21,539

up I didn't see a lot of people like me

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00:00:28,730 --> 00:00:24,180

just it was a determination factor for

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00:00:31,130 --> 00:00:28,740

me to want to prove to myself and to the

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00:00:34,010 --> 00:00:31,140

world that people with disabilities

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00:00:37,130 --> 00:00:34,020

um we're just as human as anyone else my

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00:00:38,990 --> 00:00:37,140

proudest moments is the fact that I went

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00:00:41,510 --> 00:00:39,000

back to a school for continuing

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00:00:43,549 --> 00:00:41,520

education and got my Master's Degree I

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00:00:47,030 --> 00:00:43,559

ignored the naysayers that said I should

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00:00:50,150 --> 00:00:47,040

not go for it and complete my degree I

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00:00:53,990 --> 00:00:50,160

am very thankful to have people hear my

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00:00:56,750 --> 00:00:54,000

story it's okay to be different

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00:00:57,490 --> 00:00:56,760

um if given a chance you know we all can