



1  
00:00:05,269 --> 00:00:03,189  
dr steve swanson was born in syracuse

2  
00:00:07,510 --> 00:00:05,279  
new york and moved with his family a

3  
00:00:09,910 --> 00:00:07,520  
number of times before ending up in

4  
00:00:12,549 --> 00:00:09,920  
steamboat springs colorado as he entered

5  
00:00:15,749 --> 00:00:12,559  
his teens it's a beautiful place i love

6  
00:00:17,510 --> 00:00:15,759  
the mountains i love the area and

7  
00:00:19,269 --> 00:00:17,520  
when i grew up there it was definitely

8  
00:00:21,670 --> 00:00:19,279  
like a half agricultural ranching

9  
00:00:23,990 --> 00:00:21,680  
community and half resort and it was a

10  
00:00:26,070 --> 00:00:24,000  
great combination he stayed at home for

11  
00:00:28,230 --> 00:00:26,080  
college got his bachelor's of science in

12  
00:00:30,630 --> 00:00:28,240  
engineering physics at the university of

13  
00:00:32,950 --> 00:00:30,640

colorado but then went to florida

14

00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:32,960

atlantic university to get his masters

15

00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:35,760

of applied science in computer systems

16

00:00:40,229 --> 00:00:38,000

at that point he considered his options

17

00:00:41,910 --> 00:00:40,239

and the job of astronaut seemed to have

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00:00:44,069 --> 00:00:41,920

what he was looking for

19

00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:44,079

after a year working as an engineer in

20

00:00:48,310 --> 00:00:46,320

phoenix he got a job as an engineer at

21

00:00:50,389 --> 00:00:48,320

the johnson space center's aircraft

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00:00:52,549 --> 00:00:50,399

operations division working on the

23

00:00:54,630 --> 00:00:52,559

shuttle training aircraft while earning

24

00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:54,640

his doctorate in computer science from

25

00:00:57,830 --> 00:00:56,000

texas a m

26  
00:01:00,549 --> 00:00:57,840  
he was chosen for the astronaut program

27  
00:01:03,189 --> 00:01:00,559  
in 1998 and made his first flight in

28  
00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:03,199  
2007 on a mission to deliver a truss

29  
00:01:05,670 --> 00:01:04,720  
segment to the international space

30  
00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:05,680  
station

31  
00:01:10,469 --> 00:01:07,520  
swanson made two spacewalks on that

32  
00:01:12,390 --> 00:01:10,479  
mission and two more on a 2009 shuttle

33  
00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:12,400  
flight that delivered another truss

34  
00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:14,720  
segment to outfit the station to perform

35  
00:01:17,590 --> 00:01:15,840  
its mission

36  
00:01:19,030 --> 00:01:17,600  
we're going off now we're trying to get

37  
00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:19,040  
science better we're also trying to find

38  
00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:22,000

maybe a place that we could go to uh to

39

00:01:25,910 --> 00:01:23,520

maybe you know get resources off the

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00:01:27,990 --> 00:01:25,920

moon we could go explore the mars all