

NASA ASTRONAUT

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00:00:04,630 --> 00:00:02,790
why do we explore

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00:00:06,550 --> 00:00:04,640
you know i think venturing out into low

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00:00:08,629 --> 00:00:06,560
earth orbit and beyond

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00:00:11,110 --> 00:00:08,639
helps us to better understand

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00:00:13,749 --> 00:00:11,120
who we are and our place in the solar

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00:00:15,430 --> 00:00:13,759
system and the universe

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00:00:17,590 --> 00:00:15,440
my name is chell lindgren and i'm the

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:17,600
commander for nasa's spacex crew 4

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00:00:20,630 --> 00:00:18,960
mission to the international space

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00:00:22,630 --> 00:00:20,640
station

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00:00:25,029 --> 00:00:22,640
i grew up in an air force family and so

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00:00:26,790 --> 00:00:25,039
i was born in taiwan and spent the first

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00:00:29,189 --> 00:00:26,800

two years of my life there

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00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:29,199

we lived in kansas and illinois

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00:00:33,030 --> 00:00:31,279

and then we were transferred to england

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00:00:34,950 --> 00:00:33,040

it was a phenomenal

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00:00:37,110 --> 00:00:34,960

upbringing the opportunity to experience

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00:00:40,389 --> 00:00:37,120

different cultures it really opened my

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00:00:42,150 --> 00:00:40,399

eyes to what it means to be an american

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00:00:44,790 --> 00:00:42,160

i wanted to be an astronaut for as long

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00:00:46,950 --> 00:00:44,800

as i can remember i think i was inspired

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00:00:52,549 --> 00:00:46,960

by the very first space shuttle launch

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:54,869

america's first space shuttle

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00:00:59,830 --> 00:00:57,440

and the shuttle has cleared the tower

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00:01:02,549 --> 00:00:59,840

and that i think is really when this

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00:01:03,910 --> 00:01:02,559

this dream was was uh just burned into

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00:01:05,030 --> 00:01:03,920

my consciousness

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00:01:07,030 --> 00:01:05,040

and so

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00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:07,040

i charted out a path i went to the air

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00:01:11,750 --> 00:01:09,040

force academy maybe to become a test

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00:01:13,350 --> 00:01:11,760

pilot and then ultimately to join nasa

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00:01:15,429 --> 00:01:13,360

as an astronaut

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00:01:17,429 --> 00:01:15,439

that path took some twists and curves

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00:01:19,429 --> 00:01:17,439

and i ultimately did not become a pilot

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00:01:21,749 --> 00:01:19,439

but went into medicine

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00:01:24,149 --> 00:01:21,759

and yet still found a path through

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00:01:25,910 --> 00:01:24,159

medicine where i could serve human space

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00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:25,920

flight as a flight surgeon

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00:01:31,030 --> 00:01:28,560

at nasa supporting our crews training

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00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:31,040

for international space station missions

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00:01:35,670 --> 00:01:32,960

but i still had that dream that that

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00:01:36,870 --> 00:01:35,680

perhaps i would get to do that job

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00:01:39,590 --> 00:01:36,880

someday

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00:01:41,749 --> 00:01:39,600

it was absolutely amazing to get the

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00:01:43,429 --> 00:01:41,759

call that i had been selected into the

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00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:43,439

astronaut office

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00:01:47,749 --> 00:01:44,799

and it felt

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00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:47,759

a little bit like a culmination of

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00:01:52,630 --> 00:01:50,720

the hard work that i had invested in

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00:01:54,630 --> 00:01:52,640

getting to that point

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00:01:56,630 --> 00:01:54,640
what an amazing really dream come true

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:56,640
for me

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00:02:01,910 --> 00:01:59,520
in 2013 i was assigned to my first

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00:02:03,190 --> 00:02:01,920
mission and spent 141 days living and

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00:02:04,709 --> 00:02:03,200
working on the international space

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00:02:06,310 --> 00:02:04,719
station

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00:02:08,949 --> 00:02:06,320
that truly was

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00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:08,959
the realization of that lifelong dream

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00:02:12,470 --> 00:02:11,280
of all those things in that moment and

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00:02:16,229 --> 00:02:12,480
in that mission

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00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:19,110
it was an absolute honor to get selected

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00:02:24,229 --> 00:02:21,520
for the crew four mission and on top of

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00:02:26,390 --> 00:02:24,239

that to have the opportunity to command

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00:02:27,190 --> 00:02:26,400

getting to fly with this amazing crew

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00:02:30,309 --> 00:02:27,200

with

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00:02:32,710 --> 00:02:30,319

farmer and samantha and wadi they are

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00:02:35,670 --> 00:02:32,720

incredible astronauts and i feel

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00:02:38,150 --> 00:02:35,680

very grateful to be on a team with them

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00:02:42,550 --> 00:02:38,160

but we're one small part of a larger

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00:02:44,630 --> 00:02:42,560

team that spans the nation and the world

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00:02:47,030 --> 00:02:44,640

we truly get to leverage the best and

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00:02:49,750 --> 00:02:47,040

brightest as we chase somewhat

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00:02:52,390 --> 00:02:49,760

impossible goals

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00:02:53,910 --> 00:02:52,400

and so as we push forward to the moon as

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00:02:55,350 --> 00:02:53,920

we push to mars we are presenting

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00:02:57,589 --> 00:02:55,360

ourselves with

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00:02:58,790 --> 00:02:57,599

almost insurmountable challenges by

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00:03:00,949 --> 00:02:58,800

presenting ourselves with those

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00:03:10,110 --> 00:03:00,959

challenges we become better as a