



Prentice Washington
Exceptional Service Medal

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I'm proud of the fact that that when people ask me what I do for a living,

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I get to say I work here at Kennedy Space Center. Employee surveys say that this is

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the best federal location to work in the country, and it's really an honor to be able to be

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part of that.

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NASA Commentator: The Atlas V with MMS, using magnetic reconnection to fill in the pieces

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of the puzzle of space weather.

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NASA Commentator: And we have ignition! The SuperDracos have ignited and are pushing the

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Crew Dragon off the pad. Dragon is tumbling as planned. The drogue chute has deployed

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as planned.

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Latasha Ferguson: This award is very special because I truly understand the value of diversity.

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Moving around as a military spouse, I've worked for a lot of different locations. And diversity

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in the workplace just brings unique ideas from different people from different backgrounds.

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NASA Commentator: And liftoff at dawn, the dawn of Orion and a new era of space exploration.

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Jeanne O'Bryan: I was inspired to work here at NASA by my high school physics teacher.

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I remember he would introduce science and space into all of our lessons. Whenever he

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had the opportunity, he would display the launches in the classroom, and he even would

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show us the spinoffs and the benefits of NASA and how it affected our everyday lives.

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NASA Commentator: Two, one, and liftoff. The Falcon soars from its perch toward the International

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Space Station carrying Dragon and new science for the one-year mission.

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Prentice Washington: What I'm doing now is a lifelong dream for me. Growing up in a small

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town in Arkansas with 3,000 people, you don't
get that. So I'm kind of a local celebrity

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when I go back home and it's really thrilling
to be able to go back and talk to the kids

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and see their faces light up when somebody
from NASA comes in and talks and shares the

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things that we do here, and then pass along
what we're doing in the future of NASA.

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Kannan Rengarajan: The future is very constantly
changing at a much faster rate. The energy

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is one of my favorite fields which I've been
working on for the last 25 years. So I will

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continue to work on the field of energy, developing
more efficient technologies, efficient systems

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that will benefit everybody in the years to
come. That's what I foresee in my engineering

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career.

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Irma Granell: It's really always great to
be recognized by your management and your

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peers, and so I'm really proud that all that effort in the last couple of years have been

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acknowledged and recognized by my customers and stakeholders.

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NASA Commentator: Seven, six, five, four, three, two, one, zero and liftoff. The Falcon