



International Space Station

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00:00:04,680 --> 00:00:07,720

I'm Mark Vande Hei and this is Joe Acaba.

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00:00:07,720 --> 00:00:11,639

We are NASA astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

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00:00:11,639 --> 00:00:16,930

The space station is a unique, orbiting laboratory where astronauts can live and conduct scientific

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00:00:16,930 --> 00:00:18,650

research in microgravity.

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Recently, we received a 2018 calendar that was filled with artwork from 3,000 kids from

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00:00:23,890 --> 00:00:25,610

all over the world.

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00:00:25,610 --> 00:00:30,410

On the station, we have an opportunity to see the world from a perspective that not

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00:00:30,410 --> 00:00:33,219

many people have had a chance to experience.

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00:00:33,219 --> 00:00:37,940

At 225 miles up, we see a world of togetherness.

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00:00:37,940 --> 00:00:42,190

Just like how NASA is working together with commercial companies to transport people to

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00:00:42,190 --> 00:00:47,130

and from the space station, opening space up to more and more people.

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00:00:47,130 --> 00:00:52,790  
This calendar is a welcome surprise, and can help me mark the time I have left here before

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00:00:52,790 --> 00:00:55,500  
returning home to my family on Earth.

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00:00:55,500 --> 00:01:01,440  
You know, everyone who submitted art for the calendar was between 4 and 12 years old?

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00:01:01,440 --> 00:01:05,890  
That means that they have never known a world that didn't have someone living in space.

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00:01:05,890 --> 00:01:11,260  
And they are the right age to one day be an astronaut who walks on Mars—so keep studying