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Hello, my name is Dr. Tiffaney Miller
Alexander, and I am the Spaceport

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Integration Medical and Environmental Services
Division Chief. A big part of our division's job

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is to protect the wellness of our KSC workforce,
our workplace, and our environment. One area of

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wellness that is also important is to ensure
we continue to learn and to grow in Diversity,

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Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility.
In honor of the federal holiday Juneteenth,

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which commemorates the end of slavery in
the United States, I'd like to introduce

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you to an 18th century historical landmark on
KSC property known as the Elliott Plantation.

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Although this site represents one of the
lowest parts of our American History,

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the Elliot Plantation brings awareness
not only to the history of the land,

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but an understanding about why it
is imperative to ensure that we take

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care of each other and promote an inclusive,\h
more equitable workplace for everyone.
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So, this is the ruins of a sugar mill\h
from the British period in Florida in the\h\h

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mid 1770s into the 1780s, and then the little\h
structure at the bottom is a distillery and then\h\h

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the water just on the other side of the distillery is a\h
dug canal. It was part of the Elliott Plantation.\h\h

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Elliot was a wealthy Englishman who was given a\h
land grant and he hired a land agent who traveled\h\h

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from England here his name was John Ross.
John Ross came over with five or six people\h\h

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from England that were carpenters and a cooper and\h
a blacksmith, and they set up a plantation here to\h\h

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grow indigo and sugarcane and basically whatever\h
crops they could to generate money for Mr. Elliot.\h\h

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The overseer, or the land agent, was John\h
Ross and he made a number of trips from Saint\h\h

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Augustine to here. He arrived in Saint Augustine\h
then was given permission to seek a thousand acre\h\h

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tract of land. He came down to the Mosquito Lagoon\h
and selected this because it's got what he thought\h\h

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was fertile soil and access to the water you know\h
for transportation. And he selected the site,\h\h

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went back to Saint Augustine, registered this site\h
and then came back and oversaw construction of\h\h

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residences and slave quarters and barns and you\h
know and the infrastructure that they needed\h\h

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to start a indigo and sugarcane plantation. And\h
then he left here again and went to Savannah and\h\h

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purchased slaves with Mr. Elliott's money and then\h
brought between 50 and 80 slaves back to the site\h\h

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and then they cleared the forest and made fields.\h
They dug canals for irrigation and to transport\h\h

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their products and they they grew their own food.\h
They had kitchen gardens and they built structures\h\h