

NASA Celebrates  
Women's History  
Month



1  
00:00:00,700 --> 00:00:16,015  
[ MUSIC ]

2  
00:00:16,015 --> 00:00:17,417  
>> I'M JODY SINGER,

3  
00:00:17,417 --> 00:00:18,651  
THE CENTER DIRECTOR OF

4  
00:00:18,651 --> 00:00:20,754  
MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

5  
00:00:20,754 --> 00:00:22,255  
IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.

6  
00:00:22,255 --> 00:00:23,423  
AS THE CENTER DIRECTOR,

7  
00:00:23,423 --> 00:00:25,492  
I'M THE 14TH CENTER DIRECTOR

8  
00:00:25,492 --> 00:00:27,327  
OF MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER,

9  
00:00:27,327 --> 00:00:29,562  
BUT I'M THE FIRST FEMALE,

10  
00:00:29,562 --> 00:00:31,431  
AND VERY PROUD OF IT.

11  
00:00:31,431 --> 00:00:32,432  
TO ME, MY ROLE AS

12  
00:00:32,432 --> 00:00:33,767  
THE CENTER DIRECTOR OF

13  
00:00:33,767 --> 00:00:35,602

MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

14  
00:00:35,602 --> 00:00:37,470  
IS TAKING CARE OF THE WORKFORCE,

15  
00:00:37,470 --> 00:00:38,505  
ENABLING THE WORKFORCE

16  
00:00:38,505 --> 00:00:40,073  
TO DO THEIR JOB.

17  
00:00:42,142 --> 00:00:43,576  
I'M VERY PROUD TO BE THE FIRST

18  
00:00:43,576 --> 00:00:45,512  
WOMAN CENTER DIRECTOR AT

19  
00:00:45,512 --> 00:00:47,447  
MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER.

20  
00:00:47,447 --> 00:00:48,114  
YOU KNOW, IT'S ONE OF THOSE

21  
00:00:48,114 --> 00:00:49,416  
THINGS THAT I LOOK BACK

22  
00:00:49,416 --> 00:00:51,584  
OVER MY CAREER,

23  
00:00:51,584 --> 00:00:53,887  
AND I REALLY DIDN'T

24  
00:00:53,887 --> 00:00:56,022  
ALWAYS KNOW THAT I COULD BE

25  
00:00:56,022 --> 00:00:57,023  
AND WOULD BE SELECTED TO BE

26

00:00:57,023 --> 00:00:58,258

THE CENTER DIRECTOR.

27

00:00:58,258 --> 00:00:59,559

NOT ALL THE TIME

28

00:00:59,559 --> 00:01:00,760

DID I LOOK AROUND A ROOM

29

00:01:00,760 --> 00:01:01,861

AND SEE PEOPLE THAT

30

00:01:01,861 --> 00:01:03,229

LOOKED LIKE ME

31

00:01:03,229 --> 00:01:06,032

OR HAD MY BACKGROUND.

32

00:01:06,032 --> 00:01:07,734

SO IT'S REALLY FUN,

33

00:01:07,734 --> 00:01:09,469

IT'S REALLY ENJOYABLE,

34

00:01:09,469 --> 00:01:09,903

IT'S A REALLY

35

00:01:09,903 --> 00:01:11,571

CHALLENGING CAREER,

36

00:01:11,571 --> 00:01:12,172

BUT IT'S ONE OF THOSE

37

00:01:12,172 --> 00:01:14,174

CAREER CHOICES THAT, UH,

38

00:01:14,174 --> 00:01:15,708

I NEVER LOOK BACK ON.

39

00:01:17,277 --> 00:01:18,077

WELL, MY FIRST JOB

40

00:01:18,077 --> 00:01:20,847

PROBABLY LITERALLY EVER WAS,

41

00:01:20,847 --> 00:01:21,714

UH, PROBABLY EARNING

42

00:01:21,714 --> 00:01:24,150

MY ALLOWANCE WITH MY PARENTS,

43

00:01:24,150 --> 00:01:25,552

AND THEY ALWAYS TAUGHT ME,

44

00:01:25,552 --> 00:01:27,687

UH, THE-THE VALUE OF WORK,

45

00:01:27,687 --> 00:01:29,322

AND DOING A JOB WELL DONE.

46

00:01:29,322 --> 00:01:30,256

WHEN I REALLY LOOK AT

47

00:01:30,256 --> 00:01:32,058

THE FIRST JOB THAT I EVER DID

48

00:01:32,058 --> 00:01:32,959

WHERE IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE

49

00:01:32,959 --> 00:01:34,327

THAT WAS HIRING ME

50

00:01:34,327 --> 00:01:35,929

TO DO THE JOB, UM,

51  
00:01:35,929 --> 00:01:38,898  
I WAS A SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR,

52  
00:01:38,898 --> 00:01:39,999  
UM, AT THE [ INDISTINCT ]

53  
00:01:39,999 --> 00:01:41,034  
SWIMMING POOL,

54  
00:01:41,034 --> 00:01:42,402  
AND THEN, LATER, UH,

55  
00:01:42,402 --> 00:01:44,237  
GOT THE TRAINING TO BE, UH,

56  
00:01:44,237 --> 00:01:46,105  
A WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR.

57  
00:01:49,275 --> 00:01:50,944  
MY FIRST ROLE AT NASA,

58  
00:01:50,944 --> 00:01:52,445  
UH, WHEN I JOINED, UH,

59  
00:01:52,445 --> 00:01:54,781  
IN AROUND THE 1985 TIMEFRAME,

60  
00:01:54,781 --> 00:01:56,616  
WAS I JOINED AS A PROFESSIONAL

61  
00:01:56,616 --> 00:01:58,918  
INTERN PROGRAM, OR A PIP,

62  
00:01:58,918 --> 00:02:00,620  
AND MY FIRST JOB THAT I HIRED

63  
00:02:00,620 --> 00:02:03,156

INTO WAS, UM, IT HAD, UH,

64

00:02:03,156 --> 00:02:05,225

A BALANCE OF LOOKING AT COST,

65

00:02:05,225 --> 00:02:06,493

LOOKING AT SCHEDULE,

66

00:02:06,493 --> 00:02:08,261

AND LOOKING AT FUTURE MISSIONS.

67

00:02:08,261 --> 00:02:09,128

AND IT'S REALLY FUN

68

00:02:09,128 --> 00:02:10,897

NOW THAT I'M CENTER DIRECTOR,

69

00:02:10,897 --> 00:02:11,531

AND I'M SEEING THINGS

70

00:02:11,531 --> 00:02:13,333

THAT-THAT CAME TO PASS.

71

00:02:13,333 --> 00:02:14,300

UM, THE CHANDRA IS

72

00:02:14,300 --> 00:02:15,468

ONE OF THOSE EXAMPLES

73

00:02:15,468 --> 00:02:17,170

OF WHERE I WAS A YOUNG INTERN

74

00:02:17,170 --> 00:02:18,838

HELPING WORK ON THE PROJECT,

75

00:02:18,838 --> 00:02:20,473

AND THEN NOW, IT'S ONE OF

76

00:02:20,473 --> 00:02:21,574

THE THINGS THAT HAS

77

00:02:21,574 --> 00:02:22,542

[ INDISTINCT ] SUCCESSFULLY

78

00:02:22,542 --> 00:02:24,444

FOR 20 YEARS.

79

00:02:26,980 --> 00:02:27,780

WELL, I WOULD SAY,

80

00:02:27,780 --> 00:02:29,315

FIRST OFF, UM,

81

00:02:29,315 --> 00:02:31,851

IF YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THE JOB

82

00:02:31,851 --> 00:02:34,521

FOR THE POWER

83

00:02:34,521 --> 00:02:37,824

OR FOR THE PENNIES

84

00:02:37,824 --> 00:02:39,926

OR FOR THE PRESTIGE,

85

00:02:39,926 --> 00:02:40,326

YOU'RE DOING IT

86

00:02:40,326 --> 00:02:42,428

FOR THE WRONG REASONS.

87

00:02:42,428 --> 00:02:44,230

TO REALLY DO THE JOB,

88

00:02:44,230 --> 00:02:45,532

AND TO BE IN A JOB THAT I'M IN

89

00:02:45,532 --> 00:02:47,901

TODAY AS CENTER DIRECTOR,

90

00:02:47,901 --> 00:02:49,769

YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE PASSION,

91

00:02:49,769 --> 00:02:50,270

YOU HAVE TO CARE

92

00:02:50,270 --> 00:02:51,671

ABOUT THE PEOPLE,

93

00:02:51,671 --> 00:02:52,605

YOU REALLY HAVE TO BELIEVE IN

94

00:02:52,605 --> 00:02:53,873

WHAT YOU'RE DOING,

95

00:02:53,873 --> 00:02:56,075

AND THEN YOU ALSO HAVE TO

96

00:02:56,075 --> 00:02:57,911

FIND MENTORS,

97

00:02:57,911 --> 00:02:59,546

AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE PEOPLE

98

00:02:59,546 --> 00:03:00,613

THAT HAVE YOUR BEST INTEREST

99

00:03:00,613 --> 00:03:01,814

AT HEART WHEN THEY'RE

100

00:03:01,814 --> 00:03:03,950

GIVING YOU THE TOUGH ADVICE

101  
00:03:03,950 --> 00:03:04,784  
IS, YOU KNOW,

102  
00:03:04,784 --> 00:03:06,319  
YOU'VE GOTTA BE COMPETENT,

103  
00:03:06,319 --> 00:03:07,620  
YOU'VE GOTTA PERSEVERE,

104  
00:03:07,620 --> 00:03:09,622  
YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE PASSION.

105  
00:03:09,622 --> 00:03:11,758  
YOU KNOW, BEING A GOOD LEADER,

106  
00:03:11,758 --> 00:03:13,126  
HAVING THE SKILLS

107  
00:03:13,126 --> 00:03:14,394  
AND HAVING THE PASSION,

108  
00:03:14,394 --> 00:03:15,328  
AND THERE'S NOTHING LIKE IT

109  
00:03:15,328 --> 00:03:16,996  
WHEN YOU SEE A TEAM SUCCEED

110  
00:03:16,996 --> 00:03:17,764  
AND YOU DO THINGS THAT ARE

111  
00:03:17,764 --> 00:03:20,133  
LITERALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD.

112  
00:03:20,133 --> 00:03:22,835  
I'M VERY PROUD TO BE A PART

113  
00:03:22,835 --> 00:03:25,471

OF WOMEN IN HISTORY,

114

00:03:25,471 --> 00:03:28,308

WOMEN WHO SHOW YOUNG WOMEN

115

00:03:28,308 --> 00:03:30,443

THAT WE CAN DO IT,

116

00:03:30,443 --> 00:03:30,977

AND THAT WE CAN MAKE

117

00:03:30,977 --> 00:03:32,979

A DIFFERENCE, AND THAT,

118

00:03:32,979 --> 00:03:33,713

YES, THERE'S GONNA BE

119

00:03:33,713 --> 00:03:36,082

CHALLENGES THAT FACE US,

120

00:03:36,082 --> 00:03:36,983

BUT DON'T BE SCARED

121

00:03:36,983 --> 00:03:39,452

TO TAKE THOSE CHANCES.

122

00:03:39,452 --> 00:03:40,086

DON'T BE AFRAID

123

00:03:40,086 --> 00:03:41,788

TO TAKE THOSE CHANCES.

124

00:03:41,788 --> 00:03:42,422

YOU HAVE TO BE--

125

00:03:42,422 --> 00:03:43,957

START FIRST SOMEWHERE.

126

00:03:43,957 --> 00:03:44,891

SO I THINK IT'S REALLY

127

00:03:44,891 --> 00:03:46,793

IMPORTANT FOR US AS

128

00:03:46,793 --> 00:03:48,127

THE LEADERS AT MARSHALL SPACE

129

00:03:48,127 --> 00:03:50,296

FLIGHT CENTER AND AT NASA

130

00:03:50,296 --> 00:03:51,397

TO SHOW OTHERS THAT THEY CAN

131

00:03:51,397 --> 00:03:53,333

FOLLOW IN OUR FOOTSTEPS.

132

00:03:53,333 --> 00:03:53,866

THEY JUST HAVE TO FIND

133

00:03:53,866 --> 00:03:56,869

THEIR OWN RECIPES AND DO IT.

134

00:03:56,869 --> 00:03:57,904

DON'T BE AFRAID.