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00:00:06,630 --> 00:00:04,470
illinois native quatzi alabarujo

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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:06,640
attributes his success at nasa to a

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00:00:11,910 --> 00:00:09,120
strong parental influence on academics

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00:00:14,470 --> 00:00:11,920
tenacity and hard work and a lifelong

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00:00:17,349 --> 00:00:14,480
fascination with space and exploration

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00:00:18,550 --> 00:00:17,359
so at the ripe old age of

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00:00:21,269 --> 00:00:18,560
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00:00:23,269 --> 00:00:21,279
i set the goal of getting into mit and

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00:00:25,509 --> 00:00:23,279
that provided a focus

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00:00:27,429 --> 00:00:25,519
for everything i do academically for how

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00:00:29,109 --> 00:00:27,439
i would approach my studies

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00:00:32,229 --> 00:00:29,119
it helped keep me focused and

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00:00:34,389 --> 00:00:32,239

disciplined in accomplishing uh

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00:00:36,150 --> 00:00:34,399

all of the required objectives that i

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00:00:38,310 --> 00:00:36,160

had for my coursework doing well on my

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00:00:39,830 --> 00:00:38,320

exams working for nasa has been an

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00:00:43,110 --> 00:00:39,840

opportunity for

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00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:43,120

me to really indulge my fascination and

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00:00:47,029 --> 00:00:44,960

passion for space

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00:00:49,350 --> 00:00:47,039

while remaining engaged in what my

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00:00:51,430 --> 00:00:49,360

mother would call honest work

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00:00:54,549 --> 00:00:51,440

so that's what it's really meant to me

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00:00:57,110 --> 00:00:54,559

as lead flight director for sts-130

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00:00:59,349 --> 00:00:57,120

ali barujo provides technical expertise

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:00:59,359

in one or more phases of international

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00:01:04,469 --> 00:01:02,000
space station and space shuttle missions

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00:01:07,109 --> 00:01:04,479
he also plans directs and controls

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00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:07,119
ground support during mission operations

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00:01:12,469 --> 00:01:09,360
and evaluates mission objectives to

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00:01:14,149 --> 00:01:12,479
ensure crew safety ali barujo has also

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00:01:17,109 --> 00:01:14,159
led the group responsible for life

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00:01:19,429 --> 00:01:17,119
support systems aboard the iss

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00:01:21,350 --> 00:01:19,439
as an african-american ali barujo says

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00:01:23,749 --> 00:01:21,360
he's had to confront his share of racial

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00:01:26,230 --> 00:01:23,759
intolerance but advises young minorities

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00:01:28,630 --> 00:01:26,240
to keep their eye on the prize pushing

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00:01:30,230 --> 00:01:28,640
past real or perceived barriers they

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00:01:32,149 --> 00:01:30,240

might encounter as they work toward

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00:01:34,069 --> 00:01:32,159

their goals

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:34,079

you'll always encounter people who

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00:01:38,069 --> 00:01:36,240

because of the color of your skin

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00:01:39,910 --> 00:01:38,079

might not have your best interest at

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:39,920

heart but you'll also encounter many

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other people who want to see you succeed

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:43,840

and who will be

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00:01:49,429 --> 00:01:46,560

good partners with you in your life as

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00:01:52,830 --> 00:01:49,439

you try to to go forward and so don't

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00:01:56,389 --> 00:01:52,840

let the challenge or or the fear

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00:01:58,550 --> 00:01:56,399

of your road being difficult discourage

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00:02:00,310 --> 00:01:58,560

you from pursuing your dreams and the

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00:02:02,550 --> 00:02:00,320
things that you want to do throughout

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00:02:04,870 --> 00:02:02,560
his career kwazii alabarujo has received

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00:02:06,950 --> 00:02:04,880
numerous awards for his work including

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00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:06,960
nasa's outstanding leadership medal and