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I am the Assistant Division Chief for the
Mechanical Systems Division at NASA Goddard

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Space Flight Center.

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When I was younger I never imagined that I
would be working for an organization that

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is internationally known for its accomplishments.

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Working at NASA in this circle of influence
that I've had the privilege of being a part

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of – it's more than I've ever thought,
that I've ever been able to dream of.

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The greatest barrier that I've experienced
throughout my career is being first a minority

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and then a woman.

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You have to constantly prove yourself that
you're not there as a part of a quota or

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token, that you're actually deserved to
be involved and that you are competent and

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qualified for the work that you're performing.

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As a member of the Goddard community, I'm
the African American Advisory Committee's

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Chair and I advocate for the diversity and
inclusion of all on center.

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Even though my function is to represent the
African American constituency, anything that

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I present to the center is to the benefit
of Goddard.

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I've learned several lessons during my life
and one of the most important lessons that

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I've learned was to believe in myself.

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To believe that I can do something and regardless,
if I've made a mistake or didn't do it

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in a certain way, that it was OK, because
I was being myself.