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00:00:07,040 --> 00:00:08,550
This Week at NASA...

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“Our view of Dragon, becoming even clearer
as the spacecraft closes in on the orbiting

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complex.”

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With its arrival to the International Space
Station on CRS-1, the first commercial resupply

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mission to the orbiting laboratory, the SpaceX
Dragon spacecraft delivers critical supplies

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and materials – but equally as important,
it becomes the first U.S. spacecraft in the

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post-space shuttle era capable of transporting
significant amounts of supplies between Earth

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and the station.

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“The Dragon is in free drift it is not steering
itself any longer.”

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Once Dragon was within reach, the crew aboard
the International Space Station used the Canadarm2

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robotic arm to grapple the cargo craft

“Capture complete ... looks like we’ve

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tamed the Dragon.

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We’re happy she’s on board with us.”

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Within hours after the grapple Dragon was installed to the Earth-facing port of the

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station’s Harmony module where it is scheduled to remain berthed until its scheduled departure

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October 28, for the trip back to Earth and parachute-assisted splashdown in the Pacific

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Ocean off the coast of southern California.

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“SpaceX starts a whole generation of commercial spacecraft coming up here for resupply and

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one of the most interesting and unique aspects of this vehicle and its follow on will be

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that it can bring stuff back to Earth and that’s really important for the advancement

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of spaceflight.”

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CRS-1 is the first of twelve SpaceX missions to the ISS under NASA's Commercial Resupply

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Services contract.

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When Dragon returns to Earth it will bring back more than 850 pounds of scientific supplies,

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including samples from human health, biotechnology and materials research.

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Though resupplying the ISS is important, the timely return of significant numbers of science

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samples for analysis enhances the amount of scientific research that can be done on the

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ISS.

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NASA joined with ATK Space Systems at the company's Promontory, Utah headquarters

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to highlight new cost-saving measures used in the manufacturing of the largest and most

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powerful solid rocket booster ever built for flight.

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Qualification Motor-1 is being assembled by ATK in Promontory for NASA's Space Launch

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System.

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The company's Value Stream Mapping system has helped ATK identify inefficient processes

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and procedures, thereby reducing assembly time and saving millions of dollars in manufacturing

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costs for the SLS.

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The four-segment motor will be fired on its test stand next spring.

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The SLS will launch NASA's Orion spacecraft and other payloads beyond low Earth orbit,

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and provide an entirely new capability for human exploration.

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Training continues for Expedition 33/34 Soyuz Commander Oleg Novitskiy, NASA Flight Engineer

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Kevin Ford and Russian Flight Engineer Evgeny Tarelkin as the International Space Station's

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next crew prepares for its mission.

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The trio familiarized themselves with equipment and procedures for their mid-October launch

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to the International Space Station in a Soyuz spacecraft.

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Upon their arrival there they'll join Expedition 33 Commander Suni Williams of NASA, Flight

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Engineer Aki Hoshide of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Russian Flight Engineer

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00:03:25,439 --> 00:03:32,319
Yuri Malenchenko aboard the world's only science lab in microgravity.

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00:03:32,319 --> 00:03:37,290
Life onboard the station highlighted a recent ham radio question-and-answer session between

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Flight Engineer Aki Hoshide and future explorers from the Goddard Space Flight Center's Child

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00:03:42,370 --> 00:03:45,030
Development Center and several nearby schools.

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00:03:45,030 --> 00:03:47,529
"Hi my name is Aiden.

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00:03:47,529 --> 00:03:53,019
How would you describe the view from the International Space Station?

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00:03:53,019 --> 00:03:54,019
Over."

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00:03:54,019 --> 00:03:59,010

"I can describe it in one word and it is cool!"

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00:03:59,010 --> 00:04:01,309

"My name is Nicole.

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00:04:01,309 --> 00:04:02,730

Have you always wanted to be an astronaut?

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00:04:02,730 --> 00:04:03,730

Over."

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00:04:03,730 --> 00:04:08,909

"Yes I've always wanted to be an astronaut since I was – let's see – about eight

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years old.

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Over."

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The event was made possible through Amateur Radio on the International Space Station,

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or ARISS, a cooperative venture between NASA and other space agencies to improve teaching

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and learning in science, technology, engineering and math.

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Hi I'm Noah Warner, tactical uplink lead for the Mars Science Laboratory mission and

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this is your Curiosity rover update.

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Curiosity is currently at the Rocknest location inside Gale Crater.

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When we first arrived at Rocknest, we performed a wheel scuff maneuver.

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This is our rover's version of kicking up dirt with your hiking boot to determine if

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the Rocknest area was indeed a good first scoop target.

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The first scoop was successfully performed on Sol 61 and the entire teams was excited

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to see the Mastcam images showing the scoop full of dirt, as well as, the video of the

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vibration activities performed with the turret mounted tools.

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This vibration allows the team to level out and remove any excess sample before closing

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the scoop and it also provides some insight into the makeup of the soil.

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Any large particles would tend to float up to the top as the entire sample is vibrating

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much the same way you would shake out the marshmallows in your box of Lucky Charms.

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Looking carefully at images, the team noticed a bright object lying on the ground just in

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front of the rover.

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We typically call something like this FOD, Foreign Object Debris.

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The ChemCam remote micro-imager captured high resolution images of the object showing that

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it's most likely a benign piece of plastic or shrink tube left over from a terminated

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wire.

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This could've possibly come from the rover or from the descent stage separation event

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during landing.

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Curiosity processed the scoop sample through CHIMRA, our labyrinth of passageways at the

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end of the arm that we use to sieve and portion
the soil sample.

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We did some internal sandblasting by vibrating
the sample at different orientations on the

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turret in order to remove any internal contamination.

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The team dropped the first scoop off the left
side of the rover and in upcoming sols, we

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will make our first attempt to drop off sample
to the observation tray and the CheMin instrument.

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We plan to be at Rocknest for the coming week
to complete our scoop activities and then

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we'll get back on the road to Glenelg where
we'll be looking for our first rock to drill.

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That's your Curiosity rover report, check
back often for more updates.

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NASA and the Florida Institute for Human and
Machine Cognition (IHMC) of Pensacola have

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jointly developed a robotic exoskeleton, called
X1.

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The 57-pound device is a robot that a human can put on to assist or inhibit movement in

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leg joints.

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In space, it could be set to supply resistance for exercising; on the ground, it could help

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someone walk for the first time.

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More than 40 NASA Ames employees contributed their musical talents this summer as volunteer

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performers with the International Space Orchestra.

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The musicians performed in the musical opera, "Ground Control, an Opera In Space" during

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the Zero One Biennial event in September, a celebration of art and technology held in

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downtown San Jose, California.

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Award-winning artist Nelly Ben Hayoun (Aye-oon) who is a specialist in designing immersive

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experiences for her audiences created the concept for the orchestra.

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"It's about the experience.

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The experience of being inside the control room capturing this really intense human emotion

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through music."

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"Guidance, go.

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Control, go.

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Telecom, go."

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The whole idea was to bring together an orchestra made up of NASA and space people to perform

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an opera about space.

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One composition is a tribute to the crew of Apollo Eleven as well as an homage to Neil

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Armstrong that was co-written by NASA Ames LCROSS Mission Flight Director Rusty Hunt.

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The second of the two pieces was a tribute to NASA's Kepler Mission that is searching

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for Earth-size planets in the habitable zone of distant stars.

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The orchestra rehearsed the opera several times at Ames, including a dress rehearsal

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in front of the 80 by 120 foot wind tunnel.

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To get the best possible recording of the music, an arrangement was made to record the

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music at Skywalker Sound, in San Rafael California.

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The experience was an opportunity for the performers to share stories about NASA's

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achievements with the hope that it might inspire people to develop a deeper interest in math,

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science and the future of space exploration.

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Aeronautics engineer Richard T. Whitcomb, whose legendary NASA research made supersonic

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flight practical, has been inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton,

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Ohio.

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Whitcomb, who died in 2009 at age 88, is credited with the area rule, supercritical wing, and

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winglets -- three of the most significant and practical contributions to aeronautics

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in the 20th century.

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With his induction, Dick Whitcomb becomes one of the nation's 200-plus air and space

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pioneers in the hall, including the Wright brothers, Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh

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and astronauts John Glenn and Neil Armstrong.

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The world's first man-made sonic boom was created in California over Rogers Dry Lake

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at Edwards Air Force Base 65 years ago on Oct. 14, 1947 when, at an altitude of about

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40-thousand feet, Chuck Yeager safely piloted an X-1 test aircraft he called "Glamorous

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Glennis" to a speed of about 662 mph, faster than the speed of sound at that altitude.

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The X-1 program helped lay the foundation of America's space program.

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15 years ago, on October 15, 1997, the Cassini-Huygens mission, a joint effort between NASA and the

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European Space Agency, was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station to conduct a detailed

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study of Saturn's planetary system.

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Utilizing the Cassini spacecraft, a robotic orbiter equipped with 12 instruments and Huygens,

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a probe carrying a suite of 6 science instruments which landed on Saturn's largest moon, Titan

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in January 2005, the mission has collected valuable data about Saturn and its surroundings.

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Extended twice since its initial four-year campaign ended in June 2008, the mission is

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now slated to continue through September 2017.

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My name is Azlin Biaggi, and my title is a research electronics engineer.

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Well I'm involved in designing chemical

sensors which are used basically platforms

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that we use to detect gases and they're used for hydrogen and gas leak detections,

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in for example: engines, fire detection, and things like that.

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Their future use is to be used in the breath analyzers.

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The reason for this is that if we can detect low levels, as in parts per billion, we can

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use it as an asthma prevention technique.

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I was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and my Ph.D. degree was obtained at

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the University of Puerto Rico.

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It was in Chemical Physics.

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Right now you need an education now only in science but in any type of area to make educated

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decisions in your life.

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If I had an opportunity to tell students to come to work at NASA, my first thing would

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be do internships not only-NASA not only offers college internships.

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It offers high school, summer internships, and you can experience what it's like to

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work at NASA and if you like it, if you like being at the technology forefront, then NASA

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is for you.

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And that's This Week @NASA.

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