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My name is Andres Adorno and I'm a Public Affairs Specialist at NASA's Kennedy Space

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Center.

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My main duties, I go out to different events around Florida, the United States and basically

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set up different displays, exhibits and talk to folks from all around the country about

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what NASA's doing, what we have coming up, what's in store for the future and just

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get them excited.

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It's always very refreshing to me whenever we're at an event and somebody comes up

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and they don't talk too much and I start talking to them in Spanish and all of a sudden

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they start talking back and wanting to look at more information.

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So that's always been a real bonus.

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On the other side I also work with the Spanish

media.

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So whenever we have launches and other events,
I try to coordinate for Spanish media and

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other Spanish folks around.

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. . Hispanic folks from around the center
at Kennedy, to do interviews with them basically

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in Spanish.

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Here at Kennedy there's an organization
called DICE, which stands for Diversity and

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Inclusion Committee for Employees.

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And within that group there's several employee
resource groups such as BEST, which is our

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African-American group; we also have APAC,
which is our Asian-Pacific group; we have

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HOLA, which is a Hispanic group; and I believe
there's a few others as well that are represented

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in that organization.

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I'm actually a part of Hispanic group, HOLA,
which stands for Hispanic Outreach and Leadership

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Alliance.

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And basically we open our doors to anybody
that would like to come and become part of

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that group.

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You don't necessarily need to be Hispanic,
it's just a way for us Hispanics to share

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our culture, our traditions and basically
educate people at the center on what it is

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that we do.

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It's really important just to have a diverse
work force just because every day we're

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changing and being on a global economy in
a nation that we have tons of people from

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different backgrounds, different nations and
being able to tap into their knowledge and

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their strengths and find out how we can work
together to produce things that are better

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for our future, for our children, for everybody
else.