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There are many fields of study that have contributed to my success with NASA.

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Primarily the engineering fundamentals that we learned.

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Of course we never quit learning, so I've learned quite a bit since I've left college

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that also benefitted NASA and my career here at Stennis.

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Now, I haven't worked a lot of other NASA places, but I've intermingled and associated

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with people from other sites, and it appears that across the board NASA functions as a

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family, where you are at your facility.

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That's a good thing, especially if you're dedicated to your job.

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And, I do have a small outside...

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a small family, which lends me to be appreciative of the work family.

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Where I'm from and the way I was raised,  
we treat everybody equally.

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I am proud of that.

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And it has made me who I am.

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When we talk about diversity, and inclusionism  
with NASA, for some of us it comes naturally.

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One part of my heritage that I'm proud of  
is that I learned a strong work ethic as a

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young child, and as a young person growing  
up.

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I started work very early, and my family also  
was a strong saving family.

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I learned that from my parents, who were depression  
era, both of them.

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And neither one of them had it very easy during  
that time, during their young adulthood.

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So I learned these things.

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It just so happens that having a strong work  
ethic and being a strong saver enabled me

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to put myself through college.

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Had it not been for those little breaks which are part of my heritage, I would not be anywhere

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close to where I am now.

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I would say to aspiring students, that want to go to work for NASA, to make every effort

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to achieve that goal.

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And, like every other goal that you have, keep trying, don't give up, don't ever

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let anybody tell you, you can't do it because you can.