



1  
00:00:05,749 --> 00:00:03,750  
hi i'm kelly humphries in mission

2  
00:00:08,150 --> 00:00:05,759  
control houston and i've got a special

3  
00:00:20,390 --> 00:00:08,160  
guest christy sauer here with me

4  
00:00:23,429 --> 00:00:21,750  
and so we're ready for your questions

5  
00:00:25,910 --> 00:00:23,439  
whenever you want to go

6  
00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:25,920  
okay oh my name is true lee and i want

7  
00:00:30,070 --> 00:00:28,320  
to ask a question do astronaut have

8  
00:00:37,350 --> 00:00:30,080  
trouble walking when they return to

9  
00:00:40,709 --> 00:00:39,190  
and the question was do astronauts have

10  
00:00:51,430 --> 00:00:40,719  
trouble walking when they return to

11  
00:00:54,470 --> 00:00:52,470  
thank you

12  
00:00:56,150 --> 00:00:54,480  
good morning great question

13  
00:00:58,869 --> 00:00:56,160

yes it can be challenging for the

14

00:01:01,029 --> 00:00:58,879

astronauts once they get back to earth

15

00:01:03,990 --> 00:01:01,039

feeling gravity again after being away

16

00:01:05,830 --> 00:01:04,000

for it for so long but you know they do

17

00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:05,840

so much exercise while they're up there

18

00:01:10,070 --> 00:01:08,000

to keep their muscles and bones strong

19

00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:10,080

that it really does help to reduce that

20

00:01:13,429 --> 00:01:11,680

that effect and they do bounce back

21

00:01:15,429 --> 00:01:13,439

pretty quickly but um you'll even see in

22

00:01:17,109 --> 00:01:15,439

some of the photos as the crew get back

23

00:01:18,310 --> 00:01:17,119

uh folks standing on either side of them

24

00:01:19,990 --> 00:01:18,320

helping them

25

00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:20,000

to walk when they first get back and and

26  
00:01:23,030 --> 00:01:22,000  
to make sure that they don't stumble at

27  
00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:23,040  
all but

28  
00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:31,590  
what future leader has another question

29  
00:01:35,280 --> 00:01:38,950  
hi my name

30  
00:01:48,710 --> 00:01:42,630  
do is ever seem to have an emotion and

31  
00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:49,910  
okay we're having a little trouble

32  
00:01:53,350 --> 00:01:51,360  
hearing if you can speak up that would

33  
00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:53,360  
be great uh but well i think we've got

34  
00:02:03,270 --> 00:02:00,469  
do astronauts ever have

35  
00:02:07,350 --> 00:02:03,280  
to have a mixed emotions and feeling of

36  
00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:08,469  
all right and if you didn't quite hear

37  
00:02:13,350 --> 00:02:10,560  
that one um she was asking do you

38  
00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:13,360

actually ever talk a little bit about

39

00:02:19,030 --> 00:02:16,319

yeah do crew members ever struggle uh

40

00:02:20,630 --> 00:02:19,040

psychologically while being up there so

41

00:02:22,710 --> 00:02:20,640

you know let me tell you that the the

42

00:02:24,470 --> 00:02:22,720

crew members have very packed schedules

43

00:02:26,630 --> 00:02:24,480

while they're up there there's a lot of

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00:02:27,910 --> 00:02:26,640

maintenance a lot of experiments and

45

00:02:29,589 --> 00:02:27,920

science and technology that needs to be

46

00:02:31,430 --> 00:02:29,599

done while they're up there so first of

47

00:02:33,110 --> 00:02:31,440

all that's going to keep them very busy

48

00:02:34,229 --> 00:02:33,120

to keep their minds off of being away

49

00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:34,239

from home and things like that but at

50

00:02:39,910 --> 00:02:36,480

the same time nasa very much

51  
00:02:41,990 --> 00:02:39,920  
acknowledges the challenges of um

52  
00:02:43,990 --> 00:02:42,000  
of being away from family being in a

53  
00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:44,000  
remote location and so there are a lot

54  
00:02:48,949 --> 00:02:46,400  
of things also in place to make that

55  
00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:48,959  
experience easier for example being able

56  
00:02:52,470 --> 00:02:51,360  
to communicate with family via email and

57  
00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:52,480  
calls

58  
00:02:56,150 --> 00:02:54,480  
also having some time for entertainment

59  
00:02:57,990 --> 00:02:56,160  
you know they get to exercise have to

60  
00:02:58,790 --> 00:02:58,000  
exercise regularly to keep their bodies

61  
00:03:00,550 --> 00:02:58,800  
fit

62  
00:03:02,309 --> 00:03:00,560  
and that gives again a chance to

63  
00:03:04,070 --> 00:03:02,319

rejuvenate

64

00:03:06,070 --> 00:03:04,080

and you know those times where they get

65

00:03:08,470 --> 00:03:06,080

to look out the window and just look

66

00:03:10,149 --> 00:03:08,480

back at earth and look at the stars um i

67

00:03:12,309 --> 00:03:10,159

i know that is so cherished by the crew

68

00:03:13,750 --> 00:03:12,319

and again helps them psychologically

69

00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:13,760

with those challenges of being up there

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00:03:17,750 --> 00:03:16,400

so for the most part um uh don't hear

71

00:03:19,589 --> 00:03:17,760

much about that and and you know

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00:03:20,869 --> 00:03:19,599

honestly a lot of crew members will will

73

00:03:22,630 --> 00:03:20,879

keep that to themselves a little bit

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00:03:24,470 --> 00:03:22,640

even if they do feel something wanting

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00:03:26,309 --> 00:03:24,480

to push through with their uh you know

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00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:26,319

they're very motivated people very

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00:03:29,430 --> 00:03:28,159

driven and not going to let that stuff

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00:03:30,789 --> 00:03:29,440

get in their way

79

00:03:32,149 --> 00:03:30,799

and just to add a little bit to that you

80

00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:32,159

know they have christy mentioned the

81

00:03:36,309 --> 00:03:34,080

different communications methods they

82

00:03:37,830 --> 00:03:36,319

actually have a internet telephone that

83

00:03:39,750 --> 00:03:37,840

they can call down to their friends and

84

00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:39,760

family on the earth to talk to them

85

00:03:44,070 --> 00:03:41,760

anytime they want to really

86

00:03:45,670 --> 00:03:44,080

they have email they have the internet

87

00:03:47,350 --> 00:03:45,680

on board the space station so they go

88

00:03:49,509 --> 00:03:47,360

look something up or order flowers for

89

00:03:51,350 --> 00:03:49,519

their kids when it's their graduation

90

00:03:54,630 --> 00:03:51,360

day or whatever and we send them up

91

00:03:56,470 --> 00:03:54,640

movies and sometimes sporting events

92

00:03:59,350 --> 00:03:56,480

and videotape of their friends and

93

00:04:01,429 --> 00:03:59,360

family as they're doing different things

94

00:04:03,350 --> 00:04:01,439

on the earth to help them keep

95

00:04:05,589 --> 00:04:03,360

involved with what's going on back here

96

00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:05,599

at home and so there's a lot of effort

97

00:04:08,949 --> 00:04:07,519

put into making sure that they don't get

98

00:04:11,270 --> 00:04:08,959

to that point and

99

00:04:13,670 --> 00:04:11,280

they also have a periodic talk with

100

00:04:15,429 --> 00:04:13,680

their doctor on the ground so that

101

00:04:17,430 --> 00:04:15,439

the doctor can help them keep a look out

102

00:04:19,030 --> 00:04:17,440

for any symptoms that they not might not

103

00:04:20,150 --> 00:04:19,040

be understanding

104

00:04:23,430 --> 00:04:20,160

that would indicate that they were

105

00:04:25,909 --> 00:04:23,440

having that kind of a problem

106

00:04:27,510 --> 00:04:25,919

and for the ann richards school a quick

107

00:04:29,830 --> 00:04:27,520

question i was just wondering do you

108

00:04:30,629 --> 00:04:29,840

guys have an external microphone and if

109

00:04:32,550 --> 00:04:30,639

so

110

00:04:34,950 --> 00:04:32,560

would you be able to move it even closer

111

00:04:36,550 --> 00:04:34,960

to the students if you don't then have

112

00:04:38,070 --> 00:04:36,560

the students get closer to the computer

113

00:04:39,110 --> 00:04:38,080

so we can definitely hear their next

114

00:04:41,670 --> 00:04:39,120

question

115

00:04:44,070 --> 00:04:41,680

okay um let's try bella's to get closer

116

00:04:46,150 --> 00:04:44,080

the microphone won't isn't plugging in

117

00:04:47,670 --> 00:04:46,160

um

118

00:04:50,950 --> 00:04:47,680

and let's just tell her where you can

119

00:04:52,230 --> 00:04:50,960

see it is right here good

120

00:04:59,990 --> 00:04:52,240

that's great

121

00:05:06,550 --> 00:05:02,710

does the space food taste exactly the

122

00:05:08,310 --> 00:05:06,560

same as the regular food on earth

123

00:05:10,710 --> 00:05:08,320

okay does space food take the taste the

124

00:05:12,070 --> 00:05:10,720

same as regular food on earth

125

00:05:13,110 --> 00:05:12,080

great question

126  
00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:13,120  
so

127  
00:05:17,510 --> 00:05:14,479  
one thing that's very interesting that

128  
00:05:19,270 --> 00:05:17,520  
happens in space is that your taste buds

129  
00:05:22,070 --> 00:05:19,280  
do not sense things the same as they do

130  
00:05:24,790 --> 00:05:22,080  
on earth and so things that would have

131  
00:05:26,469 --> 00:05:24,800  
some spice or saltiness to it here often

132  
00:05:27,830 --> 00:05:26,479  
will taste very bland up there so it's a

133  
00:05:29,749 --> 00:05:27,840  
very common thing for the crew members

134  
00:05:31,590 --> 00:05:29,759  
to take their uh

135  
00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:31,600  
their extra salt and tabasco and things

136  
00:05:35,189 --> 00:05:34,400  
like that to to liven things up

137  
00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:35,199  
as

138  
00:05:40,150 --> 00:05:36,960

in addition to that you know

139

00:05:42,629 --> 00:05:40,160

the food on up in space needs to last

140

00:05:44,710 --> 00:05:42,639

longer than it would have to here on

141

00:05:48,469 --> 00:05:44,720

earth and so our food does go through a

142

00:05:50,870 --> 00:05:48,479

special space lab here at jsc where it

143

00:05:54,310 --> 00:05:50,880

was formulated especially for space and

144

00:05:55,670 --> 00:05:54,320

so what we do leading up to a mission is

145

00:05:56,950 --> 00:05:55,680

there will be

146

00:05:59,350 --> 00:05:56,960

lots of

147

00:06:03,029 --> 00:05:59,360

creations of new foods and taste testing

148

00:06:05,029 --> 00:06:03,039

by the food lab and and others i've been

149

00:06:06,550 --> 00:06:05,039

blessed over the years to be able to try

150

00:06:09,270 --> 00:06:06,560

out some of the foods before they go up

151  
00:06:11,189 --> 00:06:09,280  
in space to help them get them

152  
00:06:12,150 --> 00:06:11,199  
you know in just the right shape before

153  
00:06:14,070 --> 00:06:12,160  
they

154  
00:06:15,110 --> 00:06:14,080  
send them to a crew member so

155  
00:06:19,510 --> 00:06:15,120  
so you're right it's a different

156  
00:06:22,870 --> 00:06:21,430  
and i know that makes it all the better

157  
00:06:24,790 --> 00:06:22,880  
when they get back on earth to enjoy

158  
00:06:26,309 --> 00:06:24,800  
their favorites back here again yeah you

159  
00:06:28,390 --> 00:06:26,319  
know one of the favorite items on board

160  
00:06:30,390 --> 00:06:28,400  
the space station is taco sauce the

161  
00:06:32,150 --> 00:06:30,400  
little packets they use those a lot

162  
00:06:34,070 --> 00:06:32,160  
because as christie says

163  
00:06:35,670 --> 00:06:34,080

the food can taste a little bit blander

164

00:06:36,950 --> 00:06:35,680

it's the same flavor but it just tastes

165

00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:36,960

a little blander

166

00:06:40,950 --> 00:06:39,199

and another interesting tidbit is uh you

167

00:06:42,550 --> 00:06:40,960

might not think about it but in

168

00:06:44,150 --> 00:06:42,560

microgravity everything would tend to

169

00:06:45,990 --> 00:06:44,160

float around and so that salt and pepper

170

00:06:47,430 --> 00:06:46,000

she's talking about are not the same

171

00:06:49,029 --> 00:06:47,440

kind of salt and pepper we use on our

172

00:06:52,150 --> 00:06:49,039

tables they're actually salt and pepper

173

00:06:54,309 --> 00:06:52,160

that's mixed in oil or in water so that

174

00:06:55,830 --> 00:06:54,319

it doesn't fly off and get in your eye

175

00:06:57,189 --> 00:06:55,840

and cause a problem because you know if

176

00:06:59,510 --> 00:06:57,199

anybody's had pepper in there i know

177

00:07:00,550 --> 00:06:59,520

that's not a lot of fun and so they use

178

00:07:03,350 --> 00:07:00,560

oil and

179

00:07:04,469 --> 00:07:03,360

suspended pepper and water suspended

180

00:07:25,430 --> 00:07:04,479

salt

181

00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:27,510

what would happen if an astronaut got

182

00:07:33,189 --> 00:07:31,440

really sick while living on the island

183

00:07:34,790 --> 00:07:33,199

okay what would happen if national got

184

00:07:36,150 --> 00:07:34,800

really sick while living on the space

185

00:07:38,469 --> 00:07:36,160

station

186

00:07:40,390 --> 00:07:38,479

good question so you know first of all

187

00:07:43,029 --> 00:07:40,400

we plan for those types of emergencies

188

00:07:45,510 --> 00:07:43,039

um there's all kinds of medications and

189

00:07:46,309 --> 00:07:45,520

um you know medical supplies on board

190

00:07:50,230 --> 00:07:46,319

and

191

00:07:51,990 --> 00:07:50,240

methods for for helping sick uh

192

00:07:53,510 --> 00:07:52,000

astronauts so for you know first of all

193

00:07:55,350 --> 00:07:53,520

you would try to deal with it on board

194

00:07:57,270 --> 00:07:55,360

but if truly it became to the point

195

00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:57,280

where you needed to get them back to

196

00:08:00,070 --> 00:07:58,479

earth in a hurry

197

00:08:02,150 --> 00:08:00,080

on the space station we have that

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00:08:03,990 --> 00:08:02,160

ability we always will have a soyuz

199

00:08:06,790 --> 00:08:04,000

spacecraft ready to bring the whole crew

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00:08:08,629 --> 00:08:06,800

home um should that need to happen so

201  
00:08:10,390 --> 00:08:08,639  
you're never stranded and and that's

202  
00:08:12,550 --> 00:08:10,400  
always an option but um we really

203  
00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:12,560  
haven't had to do that today uh thank

204  
00:08:14,710 --> 00:08:13,680  
goodness

205  
00:08:17,110 --> 00:08:14,720  
yeah you know and that's one of the

206  
00:08:18,869 --> 00:08:17,120  
reasons again they have periodic talks

207  
00:08:20,309 --> 00:08:18,879  
with their doctor so that they can be

208  
00:08:22,150 --> 00:08:20,319  
open and let them know if they're having

209  
00:08:25,670 --> 00:08:22,160  
anything that the doctor might see as a

210  
00:08:27,830 --> 00:08:25,680  
symptom of a problem uh and so we do try

211  
00:08:29,430 --> 00:08:27,840  
to make sure that happen and uh there's

212  
00:08:31,990 --> 00:08:29,440  
all sorts of medical equipment as

213  
00:08:33,750 --> 00:08:32,000

christie mentioned uh there is uh uh you

214

00:08:34,790 --> 00:08:33,760

know they can do blood tests on orbit

215

00:08:38,870 --> 00:08:34,800

they can

216

00:08:40,070 --> 00:08:38,880

actually look inside their bodies uh

217

00:08:42,230 --> 00:08:40,080

like you might have done at your

218

00:08:44,310 --> 00:08:42,240

doctor's office or like your mom may

219

00:08:46,310 --> 00:08:44,320

have had done when you were inside of

220

00:08:47,430 --> 00:08:46,320

her and they had an ultrasound picture

221

00:08:49,269 --> 00:08:47,440

that you might have seen of yourself

222

00:08:51,030 --> 00:08:49,279

when you're real little so they can

223

00:08:52,550 --> 00:08:51,040

actually look inside and one of the

224

00:08:54,949 --> 00:08:52,560

things they look at more than things

225

00:08:57,509 --> 00:08:54,959

they've discovered recently is that the

226

00:08:59,430 --> 00:08:57,519

shape of your eye changes when you're in

227

00:09:00,790 --> 00:08:59,440

microgravity for a long period of time

228

00:09:02,389 --> 00:09:00,800

and sometimes it doesn't change all the

229

00:09:04,070 --> 00:09:02,399

way back when you come back down to the

230

00:09:05,990 --> 00:09:04,080

ground because and they're actually

231

00:09:08,150 --> 00:09:06,000

working on developing a special

232

00:09:10,150 --> 00:09:08,160

ultrasound device that would allow them

233

00:09:11,829 --> 00:09:10,160

to do specific examinations of their

234

00:09:13,750 --> 00:09:11,839

eyes so they can try and understand that

235

00:09:15,750 --> 00:09:13,760

problem better because when people start

236

00:09:17,590 --> 00:09:15,760

going places on the orion spacecraft

237

00:09:19,030 --> 00:09:17,600

that chrissy's working on they're going

238

00:09:21,350 --> 00:09:19,040

to be a lot farther away and it's going

239

00:09:23,750 --> 00:09:21,360

to be a lot more important even to have

240

00:09:26,070 --> 00:09:23,760

really good vision through a long trip

241

00:09:27,829 --> 00:09:26,080

to mars or an asteroid

242

00:09:29,590 --> 00:09:27,839

and so we want to learn more about that

243

00:09:31,590 --> 00:09:29,600

particular effect that we're learning

244

00:09:33,750 --> 00:09:31,600

about right and that's an area actually

245

00:09:34,710 --> 00:09:33,760

my team is working on

246

00:09:36,630 --> 00:09:34,720

you know

247

00:09:38,310 --> 00:09:36,640

the issues with the eye is that that

248

00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:38,320

feeds all the way back to the design of

249

00:09:42,790 --> 00:09:40,560

your spacecraft the pressure of your

250

00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:42,800

spacecraft whether you have a normoxic

251  
00:09:45,990 --> 00:09:44,640  
environment with the appropriate oxygen

252  
00:09:47,350 --> 00:09:46,000  
and pressure

253  
00:09:48,630 --> 00:09:47,360  
and so

254  
00:09:51,430 --> 00:09:48,640  
these types of things are considered

255  
00:09:53,509 --> 00:09:51,440  
very early on in a spacecraft design and

256  
00:09:54,790 --> 00:09:53,519  
are very critical to the the crew's

257  
00:09:56,070 --> 00:09:54,800  
health

258  
00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:56,080  
i was also going to mention you know

259  
00:09:59,030 --> 00:09:57,360  
when we were talking about all of the

260  
00:10:00,630 --> 00:09:59,040  
medical hardware they have on board a

261  
00:10:02,550 --> 00:10:00,640  
number of years ago i was able to help

262  
00:10:05,590 --> 00:10:02,560  
with the design and certification of

263  
00:10:08,150 --> 00:10:05,600

hardware for both space station and uh

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00:10:10,150 --> 00:10:08,160

and the space shuttle and um

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00:10:12,150 --> 00:10:10,160

you know we try to use a lot of things

266

00:10:13,350 --> 00:10:12,160

that we have here on the ground that are

267

00:10:15,269 --> 00:10:13,360

common to you

268

00:10:16,710 --> 00:10:15,279

but going through certification of those

269

00:10:19,350 --> 00:10:16,720

for spaceflight and sometimes you have

270

00:10:22,550 --> 00:10:20,870

have a slightly modified version of

271

00:10:23,590 --> 00:10:22,560

things you know keeping in mind keeping

272

00:10:27,509 --> 00:10:23,600

the

273

00:10:29,590 --> 00:10:27,519

environment that you're working in in

274

00:10:31,190 --> 00:10:29,600

space so those are all types of things

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00:10:32,870 --> 00:10:31,200

that our engineers here work on is

276  
00:10:34,150 --> 00:10:32,880  
getting that equipment ready for space

277  
00:10:35,990 --> 00:10:34,160  
yeah one of the ones i think christy

278  
00:10:37,430 --> 00:10:36,000  
worked on is the treadmill system that

279  
00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:37,440  
they're they have onboard the space

280  
00:10:41,190 --> 00:10:39,200  
station right now it's actually a

281  
00:10:43,110 --> 00:10:41,200  
commercially built treadmill that is

282  
00:10:44,069 --> 00:10:43,120  
used primarily by pro athletes here on

283  
00:10:46,470 --> 00:10:44,079  
the ground because it's kind of

284  
00:10:48,150 --> 00:10:46,480  
expensive but it was modified for use on

285  
00:10:53,590 --> 00:10:48,160  
the space station

286  
00:10:53,600 --> 00:11:01,430  
here

287  
00:11:06,150 --> 00:11:04,230  
really loud okay

288  
00:11:10,550 --> 00:11:06,160

what is the hardest or most difficult

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00:11:19,910 --> 00:11:13,670

hardest or most difficult job

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00:11:24,069 --> 00:11:21,590

i'd say you know one of one of the

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00:11:26,829 --> 00:11:24,079

challenging things around here is that

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00:11:28,870 --> 00:11:26,839

we've got a lot of great work to do and

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00:11:31,030 --> 00:11:28,880

sometimes um

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00:11:33,269 --> 00:11:31,040

so much to do that you almost have to to

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00:11:34,870 --> 00:11:33,279

turn away things and you know and bring

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00:11:36,470 --> 00:11:34,880

bring other people on board to do things

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00:11:38,550 --> 00:11:36,480

so i'll be honest that can be one of the

298

00:11:40,470 --> 00:11:38,560

hardest things is saying no to folks

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00:11:42,230 --> 00:11:40,480

when they want you to be a part of

300

00:11:44,790 --> 00:11:42,240

an effort that they're doing with some

301

00:11:46,870 --> 00:11:44,800

exciting work around here

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00:11:49,509 --> 00:11:46,880

other than that another thing more on a

303

00:11:51,750 --> 00:11:49,519

physical level that comes to mind um i

304

00:11:53,910 --> 00:11:51,760

did have the chance to go in the zero g

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00:11:55,829 --> 00:11:53,920

aircraft a couple years back where you

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00:11:57,590 --> 00:11:55,839

fly the parabolas and and we were

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00:11:59,190 --> 00:11:57,600

testing some hardware for orion we

308

00:12:01,670 --> 00:11:59,200

wanted to see for

309

00:12:03,750 --> 00:12:01,680

our seats there at our

310

00:12:05,350 --> 00:12:03,760

control station

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00:12:08,069 --> 00:12:05,360

how would we be able to get into those

312

00:12:10,550 --> 00:12:08,079

seats in in zero gravity and so i was

313

00:12:12,629 --> 00:12:10,560

able to fly on that flight and you know

314

00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:12,639

got to experience that the challenges of

315

00:12:16,870 --> 00:12:14,880

going through those parabolas and the

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00:12:19,190 --> 00:12:16,880

the tendency to want to get sick and

317

00:12:20,949 --> 00:12:19,200

managed to to hang in there for that

318

00:12:22,710 --> 00:12:20,959

flight we got a lot of great test data

319

00:12:25,269 --> 00:12:22,720

out of that but that was physically a

320

00:12:26,710 --> 00:12:25,279

challenging day um one one last thing

321

00:12:28,870 --> 00:12:26,720

i'll mention i had an opportunity to get

322

00:12:30,470 --> 00:12:28,880

in a russian orlan suit a while back and

323

00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:30,480

you know i didn't appreciate until doing

324

00:12:34,949 --> 00:12:32,720

that the challenge of being in a suit

325

00:12:37,030 --> 00:12:34,959

that's pressurized when they close that

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00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:37,040

that hatch and and you're

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00:12:40,629 --> 00:12:38,880

just in a closed system there within

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00:12:42,150 --> 00:12:40,639

your suit um

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00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:42,160

that

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00:12:49,509 --> 00:12:48,079

for my heart to stop racing as i got

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00:12:51,110 --> 00:12:49,519

used to that environment and and

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00:12:51,829 --> 00:12:51,120

although quickly you do get used to it

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00:12:53,190 --> 00:12:51,839

and

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00:12:54,550 --> 00:12:53,200

that's what the astronauts go through a

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00:12:56,870 --> 00:12:54,560

lot there's a lot of tough stuff but

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00:12:58,550 --> 00:12:56,880

with training you quickly become adapted

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00:13:00,389 --> 00:12:58,560

and uh ready to do that in the

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00:13:01,750 --> 00:13:00,399

challenging environment what christie's

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00:13:03,509 --> 00:13:01,760

talking about there is the spacesuits

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00:13:05,030 --> 00:13:03,519

they wear when they go outside to do

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00:13:06,550 --> 00:13:05,040

construction tests on the outside of the

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00:13:07,990 --> 00:13:06,560

space station there's two different

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00:13:09,430 --> 00:13:08,000

kinds of those there's an american

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00:13:11,430 --> 00:13:09,440

spacesuit that's called the extra

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00:13:13,190 --> 00:13:11,440

vehicular mobility unit and then there's

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the russian version of that which is

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00:13:17,590 --> 00:13:15,760

called as she said the

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00:13:19,030 --> 00:13:17,600

orlan suit so

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00:13:21,190 --> 00:13:19,040

that's what she was talking about there

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00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:21,200

now there's a couple other big issues

351  
00:13:25,990 --> 00:13:23,680  
that space station astronauts deal with

352  
00:13:28,550 --> 00:13:26,000  
and one of them is

353  
00:13:30,790 --> 00:13:28,560  
cooperation the space station is an

354  
00:13:31,829 --> 00:13:30,800  
international effort and you have people

355  
00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:31,839  
from

356  
00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:34,720  
15 different countries and cultures all

357  
00:13:38,069 --> 00:13:36,240  
working together whether it's on the

358  
00:13:41,750 --> 00:13:38,079  
ground to support the astronauts in

359  
00:13:44,230 --> 00:13:41,760  
orbit or the they're on on orbit working

360  
00:13:46,150 --> 00:13:44,240  
together uh using different languages

361  
00:13:48,710 --> 00:13:46,160  
different cultures and yet we make it

362  
00:13:51,590 --> 00:13:48,720  
all work and so it can be hard to do

363  
00:13:54,230 --> 00:13:51,600

that sometimes to overcome a

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00:13:57,269 --> 00:13:54,240

a difference of the way you perceive

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00:13:59,189 --> 00:13:57,279

something because of the way you grew up

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00:14:00,550 --> 00:13:59,199

but yesterday we had a briefing for one

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00:14:02,310 --> 00:14:00,560

of the upcoming crews and one of our

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00:14:03,990 --> 00:14:02,320

italian crew members had a great great

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00:14:07,110 --> 00:14:04,000

line i thought they said we are the

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00:14:09,030 --> 00:14:07,120

world champions in cooperation uh and i

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00:14:11,189 --> 00:14:09,040

think that's really true because the

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00:14:13,910 --> 00:14:11,199

space station is a multinational effort

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00:14:15,910 --> 00:14:13,920

and it takes people of all kinds to work

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00:14:17,110 --> 00:14:15,920

together and make it happen and do all

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00:14:19,189 --> 00:14:17,120

these great things they're doing for us

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00:14:20,629 --> 00:14:19,199

here on the ground in earth and so i

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00:14:22,949 --> 00:14:20,639

think that's a really neat aspect of

378

00:14:24,790 --> 00:14:22,959

space station

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00:14:26,150 --> 00:14:24,800

well the next question is coming up if i

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00:14:28,150 --> 00:14:26,160

could uh

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00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:28,160

add in for just a second i

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00:14:33,509 --> 00:14:30,959

i know we've got a bunch of

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00:14:36,389 --> 00:14:33,519

future leader ladies here joining us

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00:14:38,389 --> 00:14:36,399

today and you know i know that um

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00:14:40,069 --> 00:14:38,399

you guys are probably thinking about

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00:14:41,750 --> 00:14:40,079

your next steps beyond high school and

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00:14:43,509 --> 00:14:41,760

just wanted to throw out some ideas real

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00:14:45,430 --> 00:14:43,519

quick about

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00:14:47,110 --> 00:14:45,440

what to be looking towards

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00:14:48,790 --> 00:14:47,120

if you're interested in in the stem

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00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:48,800

areas of science technology engineering

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00:14:53,670 --> 00:14:51,760

math you know it is never too early to

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00:14:56,710 --> 00:14:53,680

start looking for those opportunities to

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00:14:58,790 --> 00:14:56,720

branch into stem i know nasa has a lot

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00:15:01,189 --> 00:14:58,800

of opportunities starting as early as

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00:15:03,590 --> 00:15:01,199

the junior high level where you can find

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00:15:05,829 --> 00:15:03,600

competitions online just recently last

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00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:05,839

week orion

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00:15:09,269 --> 00:15:08,000

announced a new radiation student

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00:15:10,790 --> 00:15:09,279

program that really starts all the way

401  
00:15:12,629 --> 00:15:10,800  
from kindergarten all the way through

402  
00:15:14,150 --> 00:15:12,639  
high school so you know you're able to

403  
00:15:16,550 --> 00:15:14,160  
go through the nasa website and look for

404  
00:15:20,069 --> 00:15:16,560  
things like that to to get those first

405  
00:15:22,550 --> 00:15:20,079  
opportunities to look at at engineering

406  
00:15:24,230 --> 00:15:22,560  
and science and so then

407  
00:15:25,750 --> 00:15:24,240  
as you get more into the high school

408  
00:15:29,189 --> 00:15:25,760  
ages you know obviously you're starting

409  
00:15:31,189 --> 00:15:29,199  
to look at what college to go to and

410  
00:15:33,670 --> 00:15:31,199  
one of the biggest pieces of advice i

411  
00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:33,680  
can give there is

412  
00:15:38,629 --> 00:15:36,000  
to look for those opportunities

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00:15:40,310 --> 00:15:38,639

in college for interning or co-oping

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with companies whether it's with nasa or

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00:15:44,389 --> 00:15:42,560

some other group

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00:15:46,389 --> 00:15:44,399

and and even as you search for a college

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00:15:48,629 --> 00:15:46,399

you can find colleges that

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00:15:51,670 --> 00:15:48,639

that embrace that more and provide uh

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00:15:55,030 --> 00:15:51,680

you know a strong co-op environment and

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00:15:56,150 --> 00:15:55,040

that's how i came to be here at nasa i

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00:15:58,069 --> 00:15:56,160

went to georgia tech for my

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00:16:00,150 --> 00:15:58,079

undergraduate and university of colorado

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00:16:01,670 --> 00:16:00,160

for my graduate school but at

424

00:16:04,230 --> 00:16:01,680

georgia tech i didn't even know about

425

00:16:06,310 --> 00:16:04,240

co-oping coming into this and they had a

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00:16:08,550 --> 00:16:06,320

a strong program and was able to find

427

00:16:10,069 --> 00:16:08,560

out about the ties already there to nasa

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00:16:12,230 --> 00:16:10,079

and was blessed to get a job here and

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00:16:14,310 --> 00:16:12,240

that that led me to where i am today but

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00:16:16,150 --> 00:16:14,320

um it's not too early to be thinking

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00:16:17,430 --> 00:16:16,160

about those things because honestly if i

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00:16:18,949 --> 00:16:17,440

hadn't

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00:16:20,710 --> 00:16:18,959

ended up in that co-op program i

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wouldn't be sitting here today because

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00:16:24,870 --> 00:16:22,079

that is

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00:16:26,629 --> 00:16:24,880

our main avenue for hiring people

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00:16:28,870 --> 00:16:26,639

at nasa so

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00:16:31,910 --> 00:16:28,880

so be proactive in looking for those

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00:16:33,829 --> 00:16:31,920

opportunities to to get ties to whatever

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00:16:35,269 --> 00:16:33,839

your industry is that you're interested

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00:16:37,670 --> 00:16:35,279

in early

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00:16:39,990 --> 00:16:37,680

do those internships or or

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shadowing different different

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00:16:42,870 --> 00:16:41,199

disciplines

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00:16:45,430 --> 00:16:42,880

and i'll add that you know i'm not a

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00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:45,440

scientist or an engineer like christy is

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00:16:49,910 --> 00:16:48,000

but i was an intern at nasa too and so

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00:16:51,670 --> 00:16:49,920

even if your interests don't lie in

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00:16:53,670 --> 00:16:51,680

science and engineering nasa needs

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00:16:55,910 --> 00:16:53,680

people from all different walks of life

451  
00:16:58,069 --> 00:16:55,920  
to do the things that we do we need

452  
00:17:00,790 --> 00:16:58,079  
people that know how to do budgets and

453  
00:17:03,030 --> 00:17:00,800  
billing and things like that we need

454  
00:17:05,510 --> 00:17:03,040  
doctors we need

455  
00:17:07,909 --> 00:17:05,520  
people who help with human relation

456  
00:17:09,429 --> 00:17:07,919  
human resources for hiring and that kind

457  
00:17:10,710 --> 00:17:09,439  
of thing so there's all kinds of

458  
00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:10,720  
different career options if you want to

459  
00:17:14,630 --> 00:17:12,480  
get involved in the space

460  
00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:14,640  
industry and i even if you're not a

461  
00:17:18,470 --> 00:17:16,959  
scientist or an engineer or that doesn't

462  
00:17:20,150 --> 00:17:18,480  
float your boat there's other ways that

463  
00:17:24,470 --> 00:17:20,160

you can get involved just if you're just

464

00:17:29,029 --> 00:17:27,750

um my name is rebecca and i was

465

00:17:30,950 --> 00:17:29,039

what they're saying or my friend was

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00:17:35,750 --> 00:17:30,960

building what kind of training did you

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00:17:38,789 --> 00:17:37,110

what kind of training do you need for

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00:17:40,310 --> 00:17:38,799

your job

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00:17:41,990 --> 00:17:40,320

great question

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00:17:43,750 --> 00:17:42,000

so you know

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00:17:45,830 --> 00:17:43,760

really nasa will help

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00:17:47,430 --> 00:17:45,840

train you along the way to get

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00:17:49,510 --> 00:17:47,440

to where you need to be for your job

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00:17:51,110 --> 00:17:49,520

assignment so that's a great thing but

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the types of training that i have found

476  
00:17:55,270 --> 00:17:53,039  
that i need

477  
00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:55,280  
you know very much leadership skills to

478  
00:17:59,350 --> 00:17:56,640  
be able to

479  
00:18:00,789 --> 00:17:59,360  
to lead my projects

480  
00:18:02,789 --> 00:18:00,799  
being able to

481  
00:18:05,669 --> 00:18:02,799  
uh interact well with others i mean

482  
00:18:07,750 --> 00:18:05,679  
everything we do is done through teams

483  
00:18:10,470 --> 00:18:07,760  
very seldom are you on your own

484  
00:18:12,710 --> 00:18:10,480  
tackling a task so um that's a huge part

485  
00:18:14,630 --> 00:18:12,720  
of of what we do and what we train for

486  
00:18:18,150 --> 00:18:14,640  
also

487  
00:18:20,310 --> 00:18:18,160  
in the areas of like computer-aided

488  
00:18:22,950 --> 00:18:20,320

design to be able to

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00:18:24,230 --> 00:18:22,960

bring your ideas into a cad environment

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00:18:25,750 --> 00:18:24,240

start to create those and be able to

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00:18:27,270 --> 00:18:25,760

build those you know

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one of my main tasks right now is

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developing the mock-ups that we work on

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00:18:34,230 --> 00:18:31,840

for orion and we use these to flush out

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00:18:36,470 --> 00:18:34,240

the design eventually to to certify the

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00:18:38,950 --> 00:18:36,480

design and eventually train the crew and

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00:18:40,789 --> 00:18:38,960

um you know we are constantly designing

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00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:40,799

hardware to put into those mock-ups same

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00:18:45,270 --> 00:18:42,720

thing if you know for those working on

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00:18:48,870 --> 00:18:45,280

the flight vehicle and um

501  
00:18:49,830 --> 00:18:48,880  
you know so things like cad and

502  
00:18:52,470 --> 00:18:49,840  
you know

503  
00:18:54,390 --> 00:18:52,480  
powerpoint and things like that that you

504  
00:18:56,870 --> 00:18:54,400  
guys probably already know well that

505  
00:18:57,990 --> 00:18:56,880  
help you communicate your design ideas

506  
00:18:59,669 --> 00:18:58,000  
you know there's other things we get

507  
00:19:02,390 --> 00:18:59,679  
training in too uh some things that you

508  
00:19:04,549 --> 00:19:02,400  
wouldn't necessarily think uh of in nasa

509  
00:19:06,310 --> 00:19:04,559  
but uh one of the things we've added on

510  
00:19:08,630 --> 00:19:06,320  
to our training recently is inclusion

511  
00:19:12,630 --> 00:19:08,640  
and innovation uh and that's the whole

512  
00:19:14,789 --> 00:19:12,640  
idea of of not uh excluding somebody

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00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:14,799

because of their race or their religion

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00:19:19,430 --> 00:19:17,520

or any of their preferences uh so you

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00:19:21,510 --> 00:19:19,440

embrace those folks and and you're able

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00:19:24,390 --> 00:19:21,520

to work together with them on a regular

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00:19:25,909 --> 00:19:24,400

basis uh no matter what your backgrounds

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00:19:27,669 --> 00:19:25,919

are and that goes along with the whole

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00:19:29,110 --> 00:19:27,679

cooperation scheme so that's an

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00:19:30,630 --> 00:19:29,120

interesting part and we also like to try

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00:19:33,350 --> 00:19:30,640

and make sure people try and think

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00:19:35,270 --> 00:19:33,360

differently and try to innovate and and

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00:19:36,710 --> 00:19:35,280

look at new ways of doing things so we

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00:19:42,549 --> 00:19:36,720

can improve our efficiency and our

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00:19:46,549 --> 00:19:44,150

you guys kind of broke out we didn't get

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00:19:49,029 --> 00:19:46,559

that ending are you

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00:19:51,029 --> 00:19:49,039

are we able to ask the next question

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00:19:54,630 --> 00:19:51,039

yes definitely testing one two three can

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00:19:59,350 --> 00:19:57,510

do testing once you can hear us

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00:20:00,310 --> 00:19:59,360

yes we can so go ahead with your next

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00:20:19,590 --> 00:20:00,320

question

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00:20:23,510 --> 00:20:21,110

so

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00:20:24,789 --> 00:20:23,520

my name is vivia velvik and i was

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00:20:26,710 --> 00:20:24,799

wondering

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00:20:29,110 --> 00:20:26,720

what would you say is the most important

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00:20:38,549 --> 00:20:29,120

scientific discovery made so far from

537

00:20:42,390 --> 00:20:40,549

and did you happen to hear that one

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00:20:43,830 --> 00:20:42,400

i i'm sure that that is a matter of

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00:20:46,230 --> 00:20:43,840

opinion and i don't think i'm going to

540

00:20:48,630 --> 00:20:46,240

even begin to to try to tackle that one

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00:20:50,549 --> 00:20:48,640

kelly i don't know if you want to well

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00:20:53,270 --> 00:20:50,559

i'll just say that there is research

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00:20:55,830 --> 00:20:53,280

going on in so many different areas from

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00:20:57,350 --> 00:20:55,840

biology to human physiology in our

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00:21:00,830 --> 00:20:57,360

bodies to

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00:21:02,630 --> 00:21:00,840

uh how materials can be formed in

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00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:02,640

microgravity

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00:21:08,310 --> 00:21:06,400

to even looking at the cosmos

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because we've got an amazing instrument

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on board the space station called the

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alpha magnetic spectrometer

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that is looking for that dark matter

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that all the physicists have theorized

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is out there uh we know that there's

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matter and there's antimatter but

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there's a whole bunch of stuff in the

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universe that we don't know exactly what

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it is and we theorize it's this thing

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called dark matter and we're looking

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forward hopefully this year to getting

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00:21:35,029 --> 00:21:32,720

some results from that experiment it's

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been collecting billions of particles

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for the last year since it was last on

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the launch on the next last shuttle

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00:21:43,190 --> 00:21:41,120

mission and so that could actually

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00:21:45,190 --> 00:21:43,200

change our understanding of the universe

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00:21:47,750 --> 00:21:45,200

and that's the kind of things that

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00:21:49,669 --> 00:21:47,760

really make the differences that change

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00:21:50,630 --> 00:21:49,679

your textbooks for students that are

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00:21:52,470 --> 00:21:50,640

coming

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00:21:53,750 --> 00:21:52,480

down the road from you

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00:21:56,230 --> 00:21:53,760

but but a lot of the things we're

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00:21:57,830 --> 00:21:56,240

working on have everyday applications i

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00:21:59,669 --> 00:21:57,840

had a guy in here yesterday who's an

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00:22:03,029 --> 00:21:59,679

experimenter working on

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chondrites or or dendrites and when you

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00:22:10,789 --> 00:22:08,880

make metals uh on the earth you have all

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00:22:12,870 --> 00:22:10,799

these little crystals that forms as part

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of the alloy process where you mix two

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metals together to make a stronger metal

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thing kind of things are used in engines

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00:22:20,630 --> 00:22:18,880

and things like that

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00:22:22,310 --> 00:22:20,640

and they're looking at those on the

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00:22:24,870 --> 00:22:22,320

international space station here's

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00:22:26,549 --> 00:22:24,880

example here's an example from the

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coarsening of

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00:22:30,789 --> 00:22:28,960

solid and liquid mixtures experiment

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that shows you that on the ground all of

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00:22:34,870 --> 00:22:32,720

the particles that are solids and the

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00:22:36,390 --> 00:22:34,880

crystals tend to

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00:22:38,070 --> 00:22:36,400

float up to the top but in the

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00:22:41,190 --> 00:22:38,080

microgravity environment and space

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00:22:43,669 --> 00:22:41,200

station they're dispersed uh uniformly

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00:22:45,909 --> 00:22:43,679

throughout the sample the idea there is

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we can make stronger better metals and

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other materials that will help us here

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00:22:51,590 --> 00:22:49,840

on the ground and so that's a really

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00:22:54,070 --> 00:22:51,600

important discovery

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another one is the discovery that we can

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00:22:59,029 --> 00:22:56,640

monitor our planet from the earth uh

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00:23:00,870 --> 00:22:59,039  
with photography and other kinds of

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00:23:03,110 --> 00:23:00,880  
instruments and those are helping us

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00:23:05,830 --> 00:23:03,120  
learn more about how humans affect the

604  
00:23:07,830 --> 00:23:05,840  
environment and how it's changing

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00:23:09,430 --> 00:23:07,840  
letting us look at

606  
00:23:11,669 --> 00:23:09,440  
you know changes in the world's

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00:23:14,310 --> 00:23:11,679  
environment and

608  
00:23:15,590 --> 00:23:14,320  
we've also got tom marshburn working on

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00:23:17,909 --> 00:23:15,600  
experiment you can see right here on

610  
00:23:19,909 --> 00:23:17,919  
some live tv from the space station and

611  
00:23:23,510 --> 00:23:19,919  
he's working on a thing called the

612  
00:23:25,990 --> 00:23:23,520  
marangoni experiment that looks at how

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00:23:27,909 --> 00:23:26,000

fluids react to microgravity and those

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00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:27,919

will help us build better engines on the

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00:23:31,990 --> 00:23:29,760

ground and things so all those

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discoveries will add up to improvements

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in our everyday lives and i don't know

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00:23:36,789 --> 00:23:35,039

that anybody can come up as christie

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00:23:37,669 --> 00:23:36,799

said with what the most important one is

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00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:37,679

yet

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00:23:43,190 --> 00:23:40,480

i think it's the cumulative growth in

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00:23:45,669 --> 00:23:43,200

our scientific knowledge uh in all these

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00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:45,679

different fields that is is really going

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00:23:51,029 --> 00:23:48,720

to help propel us into the next era of

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00:23:52,549 --> 00:23:51,039

exploration and discovery

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00:23:55,669 --> 00:23:52,559

and we want you to be along for that

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00:23:59,110 --> 00:23:57,510

all right in ann richards school um

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00:24:01,269 --> 00:23:59,120

we're just about at the end of our

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00:24:02,870 --> 00:24:01,279

window so we have time for one final

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00:24:05,830 --> 00:24:02,880

quick question and then we're going to

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00:24:10,789 --> 00:24:05,840

wrap up

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00:24:16,549 --> 00:24:14,149

hi i'm isabelle with milo and my doctor

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00:24:19,029 --> 00:24:16,559

mr m got a question that picked up here

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00:24:20,950 --> 00:24:19,039

today so i can ask for him so what are

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00:24:25,990 --> 00:24:20,960

the goals for the orion project this is

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i think you know that one christy

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00:24:30,630 --> 00:24:29,200

i just heard the last part of the

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00:24:33,029 --> 00:24:30,640

question can you go for the orion

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00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:33,039

program absolutely right so

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00:24:37,269 --> 00:24:35,440

you know um we've obviously got our iss

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00:24:39,350 --> 00:24:37,279

presence today and and we've got

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00:24:41,590 --> 00:24:39,360

commercial entities that are working to

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00:24:44,470 --> 00:24:41,600

um give us a back and forth capability

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00:24:47,350 --> 00:24:44,480

to iss so orion our main mission is to

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00:24:49,350 --> 00:24:47,360

go beyond low earth orbit

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00:24:51,110 --> 00:24:49,360

we want to explore explore further we

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00:24:52,070 --> 00:24:51,120

want to go back to the moon we want to

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go

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00:24:55,750 --> 00:24:54,559

possibly to an asteroid or to a lagrange

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00:24:56,950 --> 00:24:55,760

point if you're not familiar with those

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00:24:59,830 --> 00:24:56,960  
you'll have to look that up but those

652  
00:25:01,510 --> 00:24:59,840  
are points out in space

653  
00:25:03,430 --> 00:25:01,520  
that are more stable so a vehicle is

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00:25:05,110 --> 00:25:03,440  
going to stay there more easily with

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00:25:06,870 --> 00:25:05,120  
very little propellant

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00:25:09,830 --> 00:25:06,880  
allowing it to stay there

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00:25:11,510 --> 00:25:09,840  
you know with little mass so

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00:25:13,430 --> 00:25:11,520  
there's a great advantage going to a

659  
00:25:16,070 --> 00:25:13,440  
place like that as a stepping stone

660  
00:25:17,110 --> 00:25:16,080  
towards the moon or to

661  
00:25:19,029 --> 00:25:17,120  
mars

662  
00:25:20,630 --> 00:25:19,039  
and then ultimately of course our main

663  
00:25:22,789 --> 00:25:20,640

destination we want to be getting to is

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00:25:25,350 --> 00:25:22,799

to mars so all these other destinations

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00:25:27,269 --> 00:25:25,360

that we could go to will

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00:25:30,230 --> 00:25:27,279

be an opportunity for us to test out our

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00:25:32,149 --> 00:25:30,240

technologies a little closer to home um

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00:25:34,070 --> 00:25:32,159

and then venture out you know looking in

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00:25:35,190 --> 00:25:34,080

that maybe 20 30 ish time frame for

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00:25:36,390 --> 00:25:35,200

being on

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00:25:38,789 --> 00:25:36,400

on mars with

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00:25:41,430 --> 00:25:38,799

with our crew so a lot of exciting

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00:25:42,630 --> 00:25:41,440

places to go and and so our orion

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00:25:44,149 --> 00:25:42,640

vehicle

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00:25:45,990 --> 00:25:44,159

you know the main

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00:25:49,110 --> 00:25:46,000

portion that the crew in is in is a

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00:25:51,029 --> 00:25:49,120

capsule and it's very uh similar in in

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00:25:52,710 --> 00:25:51,039

shape to

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00:25:55,029 --> 00:25:52,720

apollo capsule although it's a bit

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00:25:57,430 --> 00:25:55,039

bigger we can hold four crew members in

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00:25:59,190 --> 00:25:57,440

that and of course they've got

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00:26:01,190 --> 00:25:59,200

some of the comforts of home having a

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00:26:04,789 --> 00:26:01,200

hygiene area with potty and a galley for

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00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:04,799

food preparation but obviously

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00:26:09,269 --> 00:26:06,480

simplified food preparation and things

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00:26:10,950 --> 00:26:09,279

like that to keep mass down

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00:26:13,350 --> 00:26:10,960

they would have sleeping bags on there

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00:26:15,029 --> 00:26:13,360

and and you know a typical mission on

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00:26:15,990 --> 00:26:15,039

there would probably be about two weeks

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long

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00:26:18,630 --> 00:26:17,440

for missions where you need to go beyond

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that where you're going to maybe stay at

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a la garage point for a while you would

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mate with another vehicle and have extra

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living space to be in and extra supplies

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you know we found out um that you know

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it's very expensive to human rate a

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vehicle and so you want that vehicle

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00:26:36,390 --> 00:26:34,559

that the crew is in to be as

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00:26:37,750 --> 00:26:36,400

as simple as it can be to get its job of

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getting the crew to and from its

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00:26:41,510 --> 00:26:39,919

destinations and then the other living

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00:26:43,590 --> 00:26:41,520

space or other payloads that you want to

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00:26:47,190 --> 00:26:43,600

take up you we want to take those up on

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00:26:49,110 --> 00:26:47,200

a unmanned mission unmanned launch um

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00:26:51,029 --> 00:26:49,120

just because we can get that to orbit

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00:26:54,310 --> 00:26:51,039

much cheaper in a vehicle that's not

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00:26:56,470 --> 00:26:54,320

human rated so that's why you see uh not

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00:26:58,070 --> 00:26:56,480

a super spacecraft with with all the

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00:26:59,909 --> 00:26:58,080

bells and whistles in that but but a

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00:27:02,070 --> 00:26:59,919

combination of multiple spacecraft that

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00:27:03,350 --> 00:27:02,080

come together to get the whole job done

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00:27:05,029 --> 00:27:03,360

well one thing i don't think you did

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00:27:06,710 --> 00:27:05,039

mention christy is the other thing is

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00:27:08,390 --> 00:27:06,720

people may think uh about the space

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00:27:09,830 --> 00:27:08,400

shuttle and how cool it was and it came

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back but the one thing the shuttle

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00:27:12,789 --> 00:27:11,200

couldn't do is it couldn't go as far as

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00:27:14,710 --> 00:27:12,799

orion's being planned to go and the main

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00:27:17,430 --> 00:27:14,720

reason for that is because when you're

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coming back to earth from distances that

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far away you're coming back a lot faster

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00:27:25,990 --> 00:27:22,159

and it increases the heat that the

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00:27:27,909 --> 00:27:26,000

spacecraft has to be able to survive

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00:27:29,269 --> 00:27:27,919

i think it's about 10 times the heating

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00:27:31,590 --> 00:27:29,279

of a shuttle

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00:27:33,590 --> 00:27:31,600

and so you've got to make sure that the

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heat shield for that capsule and that

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the capsule shape itself is something

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00:27:39,750 --> 00:27:38,240

that is better suited toward those high

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00:27:41,750 --> 00:27:39,760

speed reentries

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00:27:43,430 --> 00:27:41,760

right and so the orion spacecraft does

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00:27:46,070 --> 00:27:43,440

enter with its heat shield and then

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00:27:47,669 --> 00:27:46,080

deploy shoots to allow it to land soft

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00:27:49,350 --> 00:27:47,679

enough that you wouldn't have injury to

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00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:49,360

the crew on landing and

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00:27:54,070 --> 00:27:51,440

nominally we land in the water and you

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00:27:55,669 --> 00:27:54,080

would have a ship right nearby to pluck

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00:27:58,549 --> 00:27:55,679

that vehicle out up under the ship and

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00:27:59,669 --> 00:27:58,559

then the crew would get out there

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00:28:02,230 --> 00:27:59,679

a lot of

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00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:02,240

desirable aspects about the water

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00:28:06,070 --> 00:28:04,000

landing and that we have so many

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00:28:07,669 --> 00:28:06,080

opportunities different locations to

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00:28:09,430 --> 00:28:07,679

land on the earth that gives you a

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00:28:12,549 --> 00:28:09,440

chance to return to earth

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00:28:16,950 --> 00:28:14,389

all right kelly humphreys from the

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00:28:19,269 --> 00:28:16,960

public affairs office and christy sowers

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00:28:21,909 --> 00:28:19,279

thank you so much for answering

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00:28:24,549 --> 00:28:21,919

questions from ann richards school for

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00:28:26,149 --> 00:28:24,559

young women leaders um for the school

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00:28:28,950 --> 00:28:26,159

itself do you want to say uh goodbye or

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00:28:36,149 --> 00:28:30,549

thank you

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00:28:37,750 --> 00:28:36,159

um sixth grade gen class and we were so

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00:28:40,549 --> 00:28:37,760

excited to ask you today thank you so

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00:28:42,389 --> 00:28:40,559

much to everyone for your time