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I studied Mechanical Engineering in school.

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I have a Bachelor's and a Master's degree
in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State

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University.

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And, the motivation to study Engineering really
came from, as a child growing up, really curious

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on how things worked, and anytime I would
have a screwdriver in my hand, I'd go find

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something to unscrew, which got me in trouble
more than once.

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And so, with that curiosity of just wanting
to understand how things worked led me into

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Mechanical Engineering.

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I knew I was good in math and science, and
my older sister had paved the way, and she

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was studying Engineering.

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I thought, "well, I could..."

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I could do that," so I went into Engineering and got my degrees.

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And then, as I kept developing my um... as I kept developing my interest in how things

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work, it actually led into one of my favorite classes in college was Psychology to understand

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how the mind works and how consciousness works.

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And so, that actually led into a side career of really learning about consciousness and

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teaching personal development.

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And so now, here at NASA, I was...

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I'm fortunate enough to work in the engineering world and helping develop the new technologies

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and the... and the new vehicles to go into space.

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I'm connected with all of that development, and I'm also connected with the leadership

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development in... within NASA.

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I have taken many leadership development classes including the Mid-Level Leader Program, and

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this year my worlds have come together.

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My engineering world and my training worlds have come together in NASA, as I was selected

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to be the... the Program Manager for the NASA FIRST Program.

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Diversity in the workplace to me means more...

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means a lot more than this the... the typical things you think about of ethnicity or culture

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or things like that.

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For me, diversity is about um... honoring the unique viewpoint that we all come from

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and can contribute, wherever that comes from, and to really embrace... embrace all of those

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viewpoints and know that when we do allow ourselves to be who we are, and the experiences

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and how we think and see things and we come together as a team and work together, that

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that really allows innovation...

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the collaboration allows for innovation and allows us to create things that we've never

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created before, which is really what NASA is all about.

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Your intention to work at NASA will all unfold as you keep going.

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It's a... think of it as a journey that you're on, and if NASA is your destination,