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I am currently serving as the Operation and Maintenance Lead for NASA at Michoud Assembly

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I am also an Energy Manager for NASA at MAF.

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As of O&M I am responsible for all systems operation and maintenance issues.

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On the energy side I am make sure that MAF will meet all requirements set out by agency

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and presidential executive order.

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I am Vietnamese, and both of my parents are Vietnamese.

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My father was a fisherman and my mother was a housewife.

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Both of my parents did not finish their elementary education, but their only wish in life was

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to work hard so that they can support their children in getting the education that they

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needed and desired.

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I came from a culture that went through much hardship in life, so we are always working

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hard to achieve whatever ambitions we set out to accomplish.

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With that attitude, I always consider any issues the team faces as my own issues, and

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I work hard at that to come up with a solution.

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That being said, I hope other team members are also willing to be just as involved and

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take the ownership of our goals by resolving any issues that may arise.

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Diversity is not only important to NASA but it is important to all the workplaces because

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a diverse workforce has different backgrounds, experiences, knowledges, and understandings.

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A diverse workplace is better equipped to brainstorm and implement new ideas because

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there are many people come from different cultures that will enable us to come up with

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the needed solutions and ideas that would otherwise be considered as "outside-the-box".

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Diversity keeps life interesting because we come from different culture and if we mix

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it up a little bit, we might come to different solutions and maybe that is the best solution

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for our issues or problems.

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and . We know what we and our friends think, especially if our friends are like us.

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In my culture, having manners and respecting others are the top priorities in life.

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Every decision I make always considers other people's opinions and feelings.

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My intentions are to treat others with the respect they deserve.

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How has your heritage enabled you to achieve success within NASA?

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I have been at MAF for over 20 years now, with last 4 with NASA.

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I feel like I have stayed on top of my goals at hand.

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My parents worked hard at their jobs to give me the future I now have.

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I want to carry on that tradition to my children, showing them the way to live their life and

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raise their kids.

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I work hard not only for the company but also my life outside of MAF.

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You could say I bring work home.

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How have Michoud and NASA missions strengthened by respecting the various cultures that constitute

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the NASA workforce?

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With the various backgrounds and cultures, we have the potential of yielding greater

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productivity and diverse ideas.

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We are in the process of building something new for our country to go beyond the low earth

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orbit, which is Space Launch System or SLS.

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New ideas and culture backgrounds are needed
to enable us to efficiently achieve our goal

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with minimum cost without compromising our
requirements, quality, and safety.

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I live in the Vietnamese community nearby
MAF, and I hope that the few of us working