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today i'm pleased to announce that nasa

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00:00:09,830 --> 00:00:08,000  
has selected america's next generation

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00:00:11,830 --> 00:00:09,840  
of space explorers

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00:00:13,990 --> 00:00:11,840  
women and men who are committed to

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00:00:15,589 --> 00:00:14,000  
ensuring that our nation leads the world

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00:00:18,310 --> 00:00:15,599  
in exploration

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00:00:19,750 --> 00:00:18,320  
the astronaut candidates of 2013 come

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00:00:21,990 --> 00:00:19,760  
from the second largest pool of

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00:00:24,150 --> 00:00:22,000  
applications we've ever received more

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00:00:26,310 --> 00:00:24,160  
than 6 300.

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00:00:28,550 --> 00:00:26,320  
these new space explorers asked to join

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00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:28,560  
nasa because they know we're doing big

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00:00:33,030 --> 00:00:30,960

bold things here developing missions to

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00:00:34,870 --> 00:00:33,040

go farther than ever before

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:34,880

they're excited about the science we're

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00:00:39,430 --> 00:00:36,960

doing on the international space station

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00:00:41,430 --> 00:00:39,440

and are planned to launch from u.s soil

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00:00:42,470 --> 00:00:41,440

on spacecraft built by american

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00:00:44,389 --> 00:00:42,480

companies

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00:00:47,110 --> 00:00:44,399

and they're ready to help lead the first

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:47,120

human mission to an asteroid and then on

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00:00:50,790 --> 00:00:48,480

to mars

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00:00:51,590 --> 00:00:50,800

this new class of four women and four

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00:00:53,750 --> 00:00:51,600

men

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00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:53,760

comes from diverse backgrounds

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but they share the qualities our

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astronauts have always had a desire to

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excel and reach new frontiers and to

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00:01:04,469 --> 00:01:02,960

keep america the world's leader in space

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00:01:06,390 --> 00:01:04,479

exploration

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as our industry partners continue to

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00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:08,080

succeed in developing new space

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00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:10,159

transportation systems to low earth

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orbit

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these new astronauts could be among the

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first to fly on commercially provided

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systems to the space station

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00:01:22,390 --> 00:01:20,479

nasa also is forging a new path to space

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with the space launch system and the

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orion crew vehicle

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we are laying the groundwork for a

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00:01:31,590 --> 00:01:28,560

mission to an asteroid in the 2020s and

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00:01:33,590 --> 00:01:31,600

human missions to mars in the 2030s

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00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:33,600

this new class will be among those who

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00:01:38,469 --> 00:01:35,360

will have the opportunity to plan and

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:38,479

carry out these exciting missions

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00:01:42,550 --> 00:01:40,320

strengthening our nation's leadership in

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00:01:43,990 --> 00:01:42,560

space and pushing the boundaries of

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exploration

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you can see our new candidates and read

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00:01:55,109 --> 00:01:53,109  
to the new members of the nasa family i

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00:01:57,749 --> 00:01:55,119  
offer my heartiest congratulations and

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00:01:59,429 --> 00:01:57,759  
welcome to each of you on behalf of the

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00:02:01,749 --> 00:01:59,439  
nation space program

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:01,759  
i'm personally awed by your individual

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00:02:06,469 --> 00:02:04,240  
achievements and we're all inspired by

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:06,479  
your commitment to exploration and

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00:02:11,430 --> 00:02:09,360  
taking america to new heights in space