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I remember being a kid in a classroom and the teacher had dimmed the lights and had

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us all push our desks to the middle of the room so we could see the TV straight-on for

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the best picture.

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Watching the power of the Saturn V rocket and knowing that there was a live crew on-board,

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seeing them land on the Moon, and learn how to walk in that alien environment, and gather

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samples and conduct science and then come back and walk among us again and tell us about

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it, that was just thrilling for me.

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Even though I didn't understand the all the technological aspects of it, I knew that I

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wanted to be a part of that excitement and that adventure.

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It was really interesting for me then years later to be standing at Kennedy Space Center,

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watching a shuttle launch and remembering
how I felt during those Apollo days and thinking

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"Well I've come full circle."

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One of the things that I do for NASA is monitor
the health of our work culture.

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I learn what our strengths are and I try to
compound those and I look for our weaknesses

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and try to improve those.

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And I am very proud to say that in its category,
Stennis Space Center has been among the top

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five best places to work across the entire
Federal government.

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There are a lot of women that I have drawn
inspiration from over the years and actually

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if I had to name them I would say Susan Crosky
who is now the Chief Financial Officer at

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Kennedy Space Center and Marina Beningo who
worked here at Stennis for many years, both

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who are instrumental in my coming to work
for NASA.

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And they were very helpful to me over time.

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Certainly my current boss, Dorsey Jones, who is the manager of the Office of Human Capital,

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I learn something from her every day.

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But there is one person that I would say influenced me the most, it would certainly be my mother,

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Alice.

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She taught me about good work habits, she was a librarian for over 40 years.

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She was the head of the catalog department at a university library and I spent a lot

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of time at the library watching her work and being a part of things and I noticed that

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she was very organized and very focused.

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I watched how those two things seemed to feed off of each other, the more organized she

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was the more she could focus and have fun

and it brought out the best in her.

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She also taught me the value of good reading
and writing skills.

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If you're interested in a STEM field, keep
going.

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There is so much to discover and so much to
be a part of with NASA.

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This is work that isn't being conducted anywhere
else in the world.

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Now if you decide that a STEM field is not
for you don't worry because NASA requires