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00:00:04,479 --> 00:00:16,562
Music

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00:00:16,597 --> 00:00:18,633
Hello, my name is Gayleen Ijames

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00:00:18,668 --> 00:00:20,961
and I work at Marshall Space

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00:00:20,996 --> 00:00:22,242
Flight Center as a ground system

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00:00:22,277 --> 00:00:23,546
engineer.

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00:00:23,581 --> 00:00:25,226
One of my favorite parts about

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00:00:25,261 --> 00:00:26,978
working for NASA is that I support

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00:00:27,013 --> 00:00:28,866
the International Space Station.

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00:00:28,901 --> 00:00:30,866
My role is to interact with

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00:00:30,901 --> 00:00:33,346
international partners to ensure

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00:00:33,381 --> 00:00:35,060
that their science data gets

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00:00:35,095 --> 00:00:37,986
distributed to them seamlessly.

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00:00:38,021 --> 00:00:40,034

So, my path to NASA started with

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00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:41,930

my mom. She gave me three choices.

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It was either be a lawyer, be a

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00:00:45,317 --> 00:00:47,730

doctor or be an engineer.

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Because of my love for math and

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science, I chose engineering.

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Some advice I would give is to

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“find a mentor and be a mentor.”

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I, myself, have been a mentor

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00:01:00,581 --> 00:01:02,274

for the student internship

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00:01:02,309 --> 00:01:04,450

program for several years.

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00:01:04,485 --> 00:01:06,674

I've worked with college students

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00:01:06,709 --> 00:01:09,434

on a daily basis to help them

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00:01:09,469 --> 00:01:11,650

explore their career paths.

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00:01:11,685 --> 00:01:14,002

The coolest part of my job is to

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00:01:14,037 --> 00:01:16,857

work with different cultures and

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00:01:16,892 --> 00:01:18,770

meet different people.

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00:01:18,805 --> 00:01:20,873

My mom is from the Philippines,

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my dad is American and I'm first

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generation Asian-Pacific Islander.

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As someone who works with

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international partners, I'd like