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My name is Katie Presson; my team makes science happen on the International Space Station.

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The science that we're doing is critical to our journey to Mars.

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As a Payload Operations Director, I lead the team responsible for the planning, the product

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development, the training and the execution of the science on the International Space

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Station.

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Our main goal here at Marshall is completing the science that will benefit both future

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explores and us here on earth now.

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And we do that here at The Payload Operations Integration Center and at Marshall Space Flight

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Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

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One of the major milestones that we've had recently, was when the crew ate the first

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lettuce grown in space back in August of this

year.

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This was lettuce grown in one of our veggie facility which is in one of our Payload Racks

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on The International Space Station.

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For years now we've been learning about how plants grow in a micro-gravity environment,

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so this is an exciting milestone for us.

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Also we're doing experiments where the humans are the experiment as part of the year-long

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mission in space.

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Also ocular health and any eye changes that they might have.

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Counter measure to bone and muscle loss and any cognitive changes that they might also

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have.

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Perhaps one of the most exciting aspects of International Space Station Research, is we

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don't know now what discoveries we may make.

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Ten to fifteen years from now we have a new technology, a new material or use for a material,

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a new vaccine or cancer treatment.

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All these things we are making happen off the earth now, in the first global research laboratory