



**VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS  
CALLS NASA ASTRONAUTS  
SHANNON WALKER  
& KATE RUBINS**

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Greetings from the White House, which is where I am right now!

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Congratulations on all of your success and just being women in space!

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Hey, Madam Vice President ...

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I can't believe we just got to say that from the International Space Station.

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You all are such incredible role models.

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Tell us a little bit about what work you are doing up there.

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What are you researching?

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We have so much research going on up here, it is absolutely amazing.

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Just about every field you can imagine

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This week I was working with some free-floating satellites inside.

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Actually ...

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Whoa!

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We have one right here.

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And so we're using this technology to\h  
test out new things that will help us\h\h

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on future exploration missions\h  
namely to the Moon and Mars.

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What we're\hhoping is to get these\h  
robots to be able to maintain\h\h

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our vehicles when we're not around.

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We've got over a hundred thousand\h  
nematodes - little tiny worms.

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We're going to be studying those worms to look at\h  
how muscle strength changes when you're in space.

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What is your advice to our young girls and boys out there\h

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who maybe could never imagine themselves being astronauts, being scientists?

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Tell them about the joy that\hyou have in doing what you do.

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I don't think any of us ever really\h

thought we would be astronauts.

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I think this is pretty true\h  
of everybody in our office,\h\h

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so I would encourage everybody who's even\h  
thinking about it, just don't hold yourself back.

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I think everybody here, all of our crew\h  
members, do what we do because we love it.

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We love every minute of it.

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And science can be like that.

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Science is hard work and people\hget scared by the coursework and they\h\h

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think it's rigorous and it's\h  
going to be too hard for them.

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Science is amazing!

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It is so much fun!

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It makes every day fun and we love it!\h

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And we love doing science in space!

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I want you guys to know how grateful we are.