



# NASA Shares Personal Science Stories from A to Z

<p><b>Doug Archer</b> NASA Johnson Space Center</p> <p><i>"Me and million other kids wanted to be an astronaut."</i></p>		<p><b>Jacob Bleacher</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"We all have that dream of being the person who walks across plains on Mars."</i></p>		<p><b>Carmen Boening</b> NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory</p> <p><i>"We weigh the ocean and then you can see how much water there is or less water."</i></p>		<p><b>John Bolten</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"It's all about getting the information into the hands of local stakeholders."</i></p>		<p><b>Paula Bontempi</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"It's not just about the ocean, it's about the intersection of the ocean with other earth systems."</i></p>		<p><b>Dwayne Brown</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"There would not be life without geosciences."</i></p>		<p><b>Laurie Cantillo</b> NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory</p> <p><i>"It never occurred to me to work in science communication"</i></p>	
<p><b>Sandra Cauffman</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"We're constantly inventing new ways to use our data for societal benefits."</i></p>		<p><b>Steve Clarke</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"We have to learn to live off of the planet--we can't take everything with us."</i></p>		<p><b>David Crisp</b> NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory</p> <p><i>"If I can be welcomed in this group, doing this work, maybe they can too."</i></p>		<p><b>Brian Day</b> NASA Solar System Exploration Virtual Institute</p> <p><i>"When something changes your understanding, that's why you go into this field."</i></p>		<p><b>Bradley Doorn</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"What gets my juices flowing is connecting the science to an actual mission."</i></p>		<p><b>Anne Douglass</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"We need to figure out how to best manage the planet for all who live here."</i></p>		<p><b>Richard Eckman</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"For me growing up in the 60s &amp; being a real NASA fan, working for NASA was just a really fulfilling thing."</i></p>	
<p><b>Kristen Erickson</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"Celestial events are always a winner."</i></p>		<p><b>James Famiglietti</b> NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory</p> <p><i>"Communication is our responsibility."</i></p>		<p><b>Nicola Fox</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"Starting Out in Science Before Your First Birthday."</i></p>		<p><b>Michael Freilich</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"I joined an Oceanography club &amp; actually asked the question that ended up [being] my thesis."</i></p>		<p><b>Lawrence Friedl</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"Well, why weren't you here before?"</i></p>		<p><b>Lori Glaze</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"Volcanoes are where we're making new earth, every day."</i></p>		<p><b>James Green</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"We're moving through a period of understanding [other] planets &amp; how they relate to life on Earth."</i></p>	
<p><b>Christopher Hain</b> NASA Marshall Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"I want to change the world with what we do, not do it for myself."</i></p>		<p><b>John Haynes</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"I wanted to know—how did these monsters form?"</i></p>		<p><b>George Huffman</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"I learned from watching tv that you could make a living working with weather and how cool is that?"</i></p>		<p><b>James Irons</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"AGU is interdisciplinary, [it] helps breaks down the disciplinary stovepipe we often get into."</i></p>		<p><b>Daniel Irwin</b> NASA Marshall Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"For really big problems we use really creative solutions."</i></p>		<p><b>Gail Skofronick-Jackson</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"As soon as it [snow] lands, it starts to metamorphosize"</i></p>		<p><b>Kenneth Jucks</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"[The Montreal Protocol] is one of the few areas where the international community really came together."</i></p>	
<p><b>Jack Kaye</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"I got a little periodic table wallet card. So, I really am a card-carrying chemist."</i></p>		<p><b>Dalia Kirschbaum</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"With satellite data, you can help people understand how the disaster happen in their backyard."</i></p>		<p><b>Nathan Kurtz</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"I ask a question that can connect what I'm doing with research in the past or planned for the future."</i></p>		<p><b>David Lagomasino</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"The moment that put me on this path was an intro to Geology course."</i></p>		<p><b>Tim Lang</b> NASA Marshall Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"You need to get into the storm, install it close enough to the lightning, and then run back to the car."</i></p>		<p><b>Joseph Lazio</b> NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory</p> <p><i>"We all stand on each other shoulders to make the next discovery."</i></p>		<p><b>Ashutosh Limaye</b> NASA Marshall Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"[Better satellite monitoring] will improve our ability to bridge the gaps between the haves &amp; have nots."</i></p>	
<p><b>Norman Loeb</b> NASA Langley Research Center</p> <p><i>"The measurements are telling us a critical component of climate change."</i></p>		<p><b>Rosalyn Lopes</b> NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory</p> <p><i>"If you want to do something, don't let anyone put limitations on you."</i></p>		<p><b>Hal Maring</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"You can make the claim that airborne transport of dust gives us rum."</i></p>		<p><b>Chuck McClain</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"The 6 Mentors You Meet in Life"</i></p>		<p><b>Linette McPartland</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"There are no dumb questions, be confident and know that you are the expert in your field."</i></p>		<p><b>Michael Meyer</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"Apollo 11... That's when I said, I don't have to be a businessman, I don't have to go into the military."</i></p>		<p><b>Paul Newman</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"When I was young, I always wanted to play pro baseball, soccer, or basketball"</i></p>	
<p><b>Conor Nixon</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"Titan is a natural laboratory in synthesis of organic chemicals."</i></p>		<p><b>Luke Oman</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"The atmosphere is one of the most complex processes in nature."</i></p>		<p><b>Glenn Orton</b> NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory</p> <p><i>"Points that fall off the curve are either a mistake or the Nobel Prize."</i></p>		<p><b>Claire Parkinson</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"I am satisfied by simply being able to help out in whatever way I can."</i></p>		<p><b>Steve Pawson</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"You can't keep redoing your Ph.D. Really, to be successful, I think you have to change."</i></p>		<p><b>Steve Platnick</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"We are on a planet that is changing."</i></p>		<p><b>William Putman</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"When I was young I always knew I wanted to be a meteorologist."</i></p>	
<p><b>Elizabeth Rampe</b> NASA Johnson Space Center</p> <p><i>"We as humans have just this innate desire to explore."</i></p>		<p><b>Miguel Román</b> Universities Space Research Association</p> <p><i>"We were seeing Christmas lights from space, and seeing people praying on Mount Arafat during the Haaj."</i></p>		<p><b>Steve Running</b> University of Montana</p> <p><i>"We have a big mess to clean up. There's no other way to say it."</i></p>		<p><b>Sabrina Savage</b> NASA Marshall Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"The sun is a terrifying and beautiful laboratory of which we know only a little [about]."</i></p>		<p><b>Emily Schaller</b> NASA Ames Research Center</p> <p><i>"My greatest contribution is the students that come through my program."</i></p>		<p><b>Christopher Shuman</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"Glaciers are the interface between land, atmosphere, and ocean."</i></p>		<p><b>Paul Stackhouse</b> NASA Langley Research Center</p> <p><i>"There were two paths, figure out how things work or figure out to forecast things."</i></p>	
<p><b>Amber Soja</b> NASA Langley Research Center</p> <p><i>"If we're not taking action then we're part of the problem."</i></p>		<p><b>John Sonntag</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"Bridging the Divide with Operation IceBridge."</i></p>		<p><b>Robert Swap</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"What other profession allows you to ask questions, chase those things that give you intellectual itches."</i></p>		<p><b>Patrick Taylor</b> NASA Langley Research Center</p> <p><i>"Something I learn today is something that [could help] society tomorrow."</i></p>		<p><b>Michelle Thaller</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"I've been a professional astronomer for over 20 years, [and it] still gives me goosebumps."</i></p>		<p><b>Andi Brinn Thomas</b> NASA Johnson Space Center</p> <p><i>"You are so far up in space, that the Earth, the cities and the landscape all kinda of blends."</i></p>		<p><b>Charles Trepte</b> NASA Langley Research Center</p> <p><i>"Particles from the Volcano in the Philippines knew their way all the way to Wisconsin."</i></p>	
<p><b>Compton Tucker</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"I've always been really curious at solving problems, and I like puzzles."</i></p>		<p><b>Woody Turner</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"Tracking whales from space."</i></p>		<p><b>Thomas Wagner</b> NASA Headquarters</p> <p><i>"One of the most important things that we can do as earth scientists is help society plan for change."</i></p>		<p><b>Jeremy Werdell</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"We can watch twenty minutes of the earth 'breathing,' in two minutes"</i></p>		<p><b>Bruce Wielicki</b> NASA Langley Research Center</p> <p><i>"The best way to get ahead is to plant seeds of ideas in other people and watch them take off and run with it."</i></p>		<p><b>Alex Young</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>"Technology continues to expand so quickly &amp; change so dramatically, we don't actually know the true impacts."</i></p>		<p><b>David Young</b> NASA Langley Research Center</p> <p><i>"When we met, it was a Reese's Peanut Butter moment: we had the peanut butter &amp; he had the chocolate."</i></p>	



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