

# STEM INSPIRATION

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## Who inspired you?

"From a very early age I had a strong interest in science and mathematics. The person who influenced me to pursue a career in STEM was a man named Milton Schaefer. Mr. Schaefer was my high school math and physics teacher. He was primarily trained to be a math teacher, but because we were in a very small high school without many resources, he also taught physics. He was quite inspirational and really influenced me to pursue a degree in physics at Texas A&M; I can't say I regret it! Physics is a very problem solving discipline and through my studies I learned the skills of analysis and problem solving that I apply almost every day as the president."

## Education

Bachelor of Science in Physics, with high honors, Texas A&M University (1970); Master of Arts in Physics, Rice University (1973) and Ph.D., Physics, Rice University (1975).

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