

STEM INSPIRATION

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Pursuing your dream begins here.

Who inspired you?

“My inspiration to pursue a STEM career came, not from one person, but rather from one event in NASA history. The Space Shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986 made a tremendous impression on me as a fourth grade school student and inspired me to follow a path that led me to pursue a career in engineering. This event, although not realized at the time, inspired me to be a part of the process of solving complex mechanical problems, and engineering was the career that gave me that opportunity.”

Education

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