

A portrait of Dr. Tracy Caldwell Dyson, a woman with dark hair pulled back, smiling. She is wearing a black and white patterned sleeveless top and a black necklace. The background is dark.

# STEM INSPIRATION

**Dr. Tracy Caldwell Dyson**

**Astronaut**

**NASA Johnson Space Center**

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*Pursuing your dream begins here.*

## **Who inspired you?**

“When I was sixteen, something new was abuzz at NASA and was spreading like wildfire. A teacher, Christa McAuliffe, was selected to be an astronaut. Realizing that anyone with enough drive could become an astronaut, I began to research the job that being an astronaut entails. Christa McAuliffe inspired me to search and reach for a goal that I thought was unreachable.”

## **Education**

Bachelor of Science in chemistry from California State University at Fullerton and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California at Davis.

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