



Mr. Nicholas Benjamin is from East Brewton, Alabama where he attended W.S. Neal High School. While at W.S. Neal, Nick was a four-sport athlete, bringing his school two state championships in Track and Field. After Graduating Fifth in his class, Nick accepted a scholarship to attend Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Athletically, he was a two-time Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Western Conference Champion, SWAC Conference Champion, and Black College National Champion. Academically, Nick was an honors college graduate, graduated at the top of the Engineering class and was named a Three-Time SWAC Academic All-American. He was also a LS-LAMP Scholar, General Motors Scholarship recipient, and member of the Pi Tau Sigma Honors Mechanical Engineering Fraternity. Along with his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Southern University Honors College, He also holds a master's degree in Project/Program Management with a concentration in Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology. Mr. Benjamin is also a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In his 14-year career at NASA, Mr. Benjamin has worked closely with the Astronauts, Scientist, and Engineers to execute science onboard the International Space Station. Mr. Benjamin has completed numerous certifications working in the Human Exploration Development and Operations Office which include Operations Controller, Payload Communications Manager, Timeline Change Officer, and Payload Planning Manager. He was recently selected to serve as a Payload Operations Director, where he manages and directs the 24/7 operations of scientific aboard the International Space Station. In this position, Mr. Benjamin serves as the single point of authority to the Space Station Flight Director at Johnson Space Flight Center. Mr. Benjamin was also selected for a year-long detail with Executive Management Team at Marshall Space Flight Center in 2019. Nick was also a 2012 graduate of the agency NASA FIRST program, which is the Agency's succession management strategy designed to provide employees in science, engineering, and professional administrative positions with the foundational skills necessary for their future success within the Agency. NASA FIRST is a result of a one-NASA initiative to develop NASA's next generation of leaders so that they have a shared understanding and exposure to NASA's vision and mission. Mr. Benjamin also continues to spread NASA's Mission through recruiting efforts through setting up pipelines for African American students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities as Chairman of the African American Employee Resource Group, BEAM, at Marshall Space Flight Center as well as being part of the NASA Speakers Bureau. Outside of everyday work, he loves to write and produce music, working with local artist in the Huntsville area as well as international artist. He is also part owner of the Huntsville Rockets Minor League Football Organization. He also uses any possible opportunity to take part in numerous podcasts, lecture series, and other platforms to mentor today's youth and young professionals. Nick looks for every moment to make an impact on the world around him. Growing up as a kid of a minister, he has always been grounded in faith and looks for the best outcome of any situation.

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