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**Educational and Professional Success - A Lesson in Resilience and Persistence**

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Ms. Kerrick will share the personal and professional challenges she has faced as she pursued her dream of working at NASA. This will include her experiences growing up in El Paso, attending Texas Tech University, and her career at NASA.