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with Tomas Gonzalez-Torres Space Grant Project Manager, NASA HQ

Tomas Gonzalez-Torres was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico and grew up in Iowa. He attended Iowa State University where he received a BS in Aerospace Engineering while completing 6 internships with NASA/Johnson Space Center. He was hired by NASA into the Extravehicular Activities group and supported crew training and mission control operations for multiple spacewalks in support of Space Shuttle missions, International Space Station Assembly, and Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Missions. He was selected as a manager and then as a Mission Control Flight Director in the class of 2011. He served in that position for 5 years before he left NASA and moved back to lowa to be closer to family. He taught at Iowa State University for 5 years while also being the Director of the Iowa Space Grant Consortium until this past spring (2022) when he returned to NASA as the Space Grant Project Manager.

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