

THE MAGNIFICENT MAE C. JEMISON

Jemison was admitted to Stanford University, where she studied chemical engineering and fulfilled the requirements for a degree in African and Afro-American Studies.

She was also talented choreographer as well, while she was at Stanford Jemison produced and directed the musical play Out of the Shadows, featuring music by Quincy Jones and Stevie Wonder. She has also written several books, she appeared on many television programs including one of her treasured tv shows an episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Jemison was inspired to become an astronaut because of Star Trek. As a kid she was always interested about exploring the universe and how it began. So she started reading books about different aspects of science and astronomy expanding her knowledge. Meanwhile she was irritated because there were no women astronauts, she kept on looking for real world examples of African American women astronauts and there was none to be found. Therefore she started to get more encouraged and determined by becoming the first African American astronaut.

Mae C. Jemison impact the society by becoming the first African American woman to travel into space, she completed her training in 1988 and served in 1992 as a mission specialist on the space shuttle Endeavour on mission STS-47 at 36 years old of age. This made other independent, young African American women to aspire to become better at their profession and to keep doing what they love.

Mae C. Jemison is the first African American to travel to space and became the first African American woman to be admitted into NASA's astronaut training program on June 4, 1987. She always wanted to become a scientist ever since she was a kid, fascinated by the world around her and so curious about her environment.



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