

# Astronomer/Scientist

**Biography - Frank** (works for NASA)



**What school subjects do you use at work?**

Almost all of them: Math, Physics, English, History, Chemistry, and the Arts.

**What choices did you make growing up that helped you get to where you are today?**

I did not follow the "standard route" - I decided to make my own path. I tried to be good at many things: intellectual, athletic, and artistic. I spent three years competing in ice dancing after high school, and learned a lot about life and myself before starting college.

To succeed in academics, the most important choices are not really the big decisions, like where to go to college or graduate school, but rather the small choices you make about working carefully and diligently every day.

**Biography – Carol** (works for NASA)



**What do you like about your job?**

My job demands creativity and unusual thinking – what is new? How can we do things in a different way? I like to examine things from many perspectives and play with many ideas on a subject.

**If you weren't in your current position, what would you be?**

A dog day-care owner or a full-time flight instructor.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I love flying, aerobatics, skydiving- this allows me to view the planet from unusual perspectives including in free fall and upside-down. I also enjoy scuba diving, indoor climbing, a myriad of other activities, and dogs (I mean big dogs!)