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## Ellen Ochoa

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Trailblazing into orbit, overcoming obstacles.

She continues to inspire others today.

This is why everyone knows her name.

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Con un sueño que dijeron no era para ella.

Hoy sigue inspirando a los demás,

Y su nombre no olvidarán jamás.

Ellen Ochoa was born in 1958

In the city of Los Angeles in California state.

From a young age, she excelled in school

And developed a strong love for playing the flute.

She continued to play in college

And considered majoring in music but her interest in math and science

Led her to major in physics—

Studying nature, matter, and energy to be specific.

She graduated from college with a master's degree in engineering,

Then she knew she wanted to be seen.

Sally Ride became the first American woman in space

In the year of 1983.

Ride's achievement inspired Ochoa

To apply for NASA's astronaut training program.

After applying in 1985,

She worked as a researcher where she co-designed

Three patents that help better analyze

Detailed images for scientific finds.

When selection time came, Ochoa was not selected.

But her dream wasn't deterred by rejection.

Although she wasn't picked, Ochoa didn't quit.

She applied two more times and was finally accepted.

She had a dream to fly among the stars in space.

Soon everyone would know her name.

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In 1993, her dream came true;

She was able to leave the planet that was green and blue.

On April 8, Ochoa became

The first Hispanic woman to go into space.

Ochoa even packed her flute for the mission,

Combining her love for music and STEM.

During her career, Ochoa logged

Nearly 1,000 hours in orbit across

Four different missions. She was unstoppable.

To honor the women who made her career possible,

Ochoa had displayed a flag of the National Women's Party on her third mission

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Convention.

She later went on to become the first Hispanic

Director of the Johnson Space Center

And was inducted into the US Astronaut Hall of Fame.

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Ochoa has left a lasting impact on history.

Her story encourages others to chase their dreams.

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