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## Guest Presenter

**Nathalie Sleno**

**Aspiring Astronaut**



### Nathalie's bio

Doctor, pilot, teacher, military officer - Nathalie's energy and enthusiasm may be too much to keep her feet planted on Earth, literally. On April 24th the Canadian Space Agency announced she was one of the 17 finalist to become Canada's next astronaut. For Nathalie, her path to top 17 out of nearly 4,000 candidates began when she was a young girl.

*"I remember as a little girl looking up at the sky, I'd lay down on the grass. My father was a pilot and I used to imagine myself up there. I couldn't wait to get up there, and I started flying as soon as I could."*

Nathalie did get her pilot's license on her own and flew as a pilot with the Canadian Forces.

Nathalie has a bachelor of science from the University of Alberta where she also completed her residency for family medicine and a doctorate in medicine from University of Manitoba. She has worked as a researcher of military equipment and ergonomics and later became an instructor, teaching aerospace physiology to pilots and aircrew. Today, she works as a medical officer with the Armed Forces' ambulance detachment in Yellowknife and, "I have seven children... they're all behind me on this one."

If successful, Nathalie will join two active Canadian astronauts at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, this summer.



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