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Christina Hernández is a systems engineer who works on NASA's Mars Perseverance, the new rover headed to the Red Planet. Her job at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA is to make sure the science instruments aboard Perseverance are designed, built, tested and will operate correctly once the rover arrives on the Martian surface. A self-described nerd, she graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where she majored in aerospace engineering. Her advice: be as fearless as possible since every explorer makes mistakes and learns from their failures.

