

Joseph Acaba RPCV Astronaut

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Joseph Acaba is in orbit. Our own Joseph Acaba (RPCV Dominican Republic) is currently operating the robot arm on the International Space Station and participating in delicate repairs to the electrical system. He is due to return end of next week. This is new meaning to "Bringing the World Home". Good luck, Joe. We all wish you a safe return.



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Recent information on Joseph Acaba

From NASA [Joseph M. Acaba NASA Astronaut - NASA](#)

He served as chief of the astronaut office from 2023 through 2025. Acaba has transitioned to the center director's staff, where he provides technical advice on mission planning and strategy at NASA's Johnson Space Center. In this new role, he leads the center's alignment with NASA's strategic plan and human spaceflight priorities, supports the agency's STEM workforce goals, and advances collaboration with commercial space, academia, and other government partners as NASA continues its exploration beyond low Earth orbit.