

ELLEN OCHOA



- In 1993, Ellen Ochoa became the first woman to go to space

- She spent nearly 1000 hours in orbit

- She serves as the director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas

- Ochoa holds NASA's Distinguished Service Medal

- She first served on a nine-day mission aboard

the space shuttle "Discovery", where she and her team studied the Earth's ozone layer

- Earned a bachelor's degree in physics from San Diego State University

- She then got a master's degree and doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University

- She has six schools named for her

- Ochoa applied three times before she was accepted into NASA's Training Program

- Neither one of her parents had college degrees

