

Tina Prabha Srivastava grew up in Dallas, Texas and attended Greenhill School before heading off to Boston to study Aeronautics and Astronautics Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Today, she works as an Aerospace Systems Engineer at Raytheon Company in Dallas, TX.

In addition to her academic interests, from an early age Ms. Srivastava was attracted to outdoor adventures such as white water rafting and canoeing. She also enjoys backpacking in the Smokey Mountains, rock-climbing in the Tetons, and even skydiving. Being a Texan at heart, she also rides horses and dances the Texas Two-Step.

Ms. Srivastava has also demonstrated her artistic talent through painting and acting. While she was a senior at Greenhill School, her oil, charcoal, and water paintings were selected for display at the Dallas Museum of Art. She acted in a Walker Texas Ranger episode, on national Burger King commercials, and modeled clothing for JCPenney. She was also selected to display her art and perform Indian folk and classical dances at ISAS festivals (Independent Schools Association of the Southwest) in Albuquerque, NM.

While at MIT, Ms. Srivastava's zest for life and magnetic personality won her the MIT Class Council Social Chair position every election for all four years at MIT. In addition, as Chair of the Baker Foundation Institute Committee, she helped fund and develop student philanthropic initiatives. As Vice President of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Ms. Srivastava led a team to Washington DC to support the Race for Hope 5K. She was selected by the MIT President Dr. Susan Hockfield for the Community Catalyst Program, a selective mentorship program for future leaders to become change agents for the community at large.

Ms. Srivastava interned at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and several satellite and unmanned aircraft development corporations while at MIT. She was selected by the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics to lead a team of 40 students to build and launch a satellite into space. She was selected to test the satellite's solar array deployment system on a Zero Gravity Flight: a special flight used for astronaut training which involves an aircraft flying in a parabolic trajectory to simulate conditions of space-like weightlessness.

After graduation, Ms. Srivastava returned to Dallas and joined Raytheon, a major aerospace technology corporation. She volunteers with the Raytheon and Texas Instruments sponsored middle and high school Dallas BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) Robotics Competition. Ms. Srivastava currently serves on the Dallas BEST core team, and she was Head Referee at this year's competition in October. Ms. Srivastava has been an invited motivational speaker to area schools and Young Women's Engineering Forum. She was also featured on NPR's radio Morning Edition.

Ms. Srivastava married her college sweetheart at the Dallas Flight Museum surrounded by Air Force jets and the original Apollo 8 Lunar Module!!