
E.S

Do you ever feel as if your work takes a toll on the quality of your life?

L.S

No- I have dedicated my life to my career.

T.W

Sometimes. It's tiring, at times- but it's something you can sink your teeth into, really muddle around in. Rip it down to its base components, build it up again. Some sort of reinvention. There's a beauty in that, in working with your hands. In working towards something more than just these base parts.

D.F

No. I've been searching for meaning in my life, for a long, long time. I'd like to think that the ISS Pathfinder has finally given me the means with which to realize that. It feels good to be a part of something so important. So cutting edge. We're revolutionary.

L.M

I wanted to make a difference, with my life. I think that my work gives me the opportunity to do so. But, I think nearly everyone is a little worn down by life sometimes.

B.S

Work hard, play hard, right? It isn't so bad. Always interesting, in the labs.

A.B

I don't think I'd have denied that recent transfer opportunity if I didn't find some sort of satisfaction in my work. It's engaging.

N.D

Well, it's hard! But it's worthwhile! And I try to keep a positive outlook in life- so, sometimes the overtime crunch can be overbearing, but I love my work. As much fun as I had in the arctic, I think that this is the place that I'm really meant to be.

T.S

I try to maintain a work life balance- I think that sort of thing is incredibly important, when we are all as isolated as we are up here. I do a lot of reading. It helps occupy my mind- keeps it from skittering off into darker recesses, as our surroundings might incline one to.

E.S

How have you found the quality of medical services on board?

D.F

They're pretty good, as far as I'm concerned. I haven't really needed to make much use of the on board facilities, but I've heard nice things about them from my friends in the lab.

T.W

Serviceable.

L.S

I wish that there were more counselling resources focusing in on particularly at risk demographics within our personnel listings. There isn't enough help for bereavement, or complicated grief- and our veterans have complaints about the PTSD treatment available.

A.B

Marginally better than the V.A. It ain't saying much.

N.D

I think, pretty great! The staff have always been very friendly, when I've needed to go in- although sometimes appointments can feel a little hurried. The counselling referral process can take awhile, though, and I wish they were a little more clear about the services offered specifically for those doing rotations within the Anatomy and Physiology labs.

T.S

Professional, clean. I don't have any issues when it comes to having any of my physical qualms attended to.

L.M

I wish there was more support for psychiatric concerns. Reckon that that might do a world of good.

B.S

Doctors? I mean, they're alright. Kind of annoying about all of the blood work panels, but that's a job, right? Man's gotta work.

E.S

Do you find that your social life on board is agreeable?

L.S

I keep it professional.

D.F

I got lucky, a lot of my coworkers are people that I was friends with back in school! I guess that's the sort of luck you run into, now and then- doesn't hurt that the ISS Pathfinder hires only the best, so it stands to reason statistically, that some of us would have rubbed elbows.

T.W

I keep to myself- but I try to be friendly. It's important to keep up at least functional working relationships on board, especially when you're down in the generator room, or clearing out the elevator shafts, or mucking around in the pod bay. You don't want the man hauling you in by the tether to have it out for your blood.

A.B

They're alright. I wouldn't consider any of them much more than a drinking buddy- but that's all you really need, these days.

N.D

People are nice! Or, I try to be, and they're usually receptive to it. My father always told me: it's important to put your best foot forwards. Besides, if you're going to be spending all of this time with them, why not at least try to get along?

T.S

I've had a number of interestingly cerebral conversations on board- I'm particularly fond of the eclectic assortment of degrees I've found that people garnered up in their undergraduate years. Who'd have thought you'd be discussing Camus and Nietzsche in the dead beyond of space?

L.M

There's good people- you just have to know where to look for them. That's more or less the case for anywhere, though. But here- you'll find someone who's more than ready to pick your brain apart for an engaging conversation, sure.

B.S

People are boring as hell around here- stuck up, too. Friday nights at the bar are alright.