

Briefly describe your early experiences with science and/or technology.

As a young woman, I had very little affiliation with subjects such as history. I have a very curious disposition and like to explore things. Therefore, science seemed to be a natural path to take.

When did you know you wanted to be an engineer/scientist? How old were you?

When I was in my senior year of high school (18), I did not know much about the computer field, but was exposed to chemical engineering during a university tour.

Did your family and/or teachers provide encouragement? If so, how?

My family runs their own business, so they really have little understanding of the various fields in science/technology, except for fields such as medicine, dentistry, and architecture. They were not overly enthusiastic, but provided enough encouragement and liberty to allow me to choose my own field

Have you had a mentor at any time during your career or life? What role did s/he play?

I did not have a mentor early in my career, but had one when I was about eight years into my career. My mentor is an extremely experienced person who generously taught me job skills as well as soft communications skills. He has created an atmosphere where I flourished and became successful in my current role.