

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

My first encounter with a computer was in the third grade. We had a computer class we would take once a week, which was mostly playing computer games for an hour. I love playing games, so being on the computer was always entertaining for me from my first time.

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

I was in the 10th grade when I realized that I wasn't going to go into the soft sciences or humanities, but rather the engineering fields. I enjoyed math, chemistry and physics, all of which are very useful in the engineering field.

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

Most of my teachers were always encouraging. My science teachers did allude to a future in the sciences during parent conferences, and definitely aided in my research of a college major when it came time to apply.

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

I did not really have a mentor growing up.