

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

When I was studying in university, we had courses to teach you how to design the circuits that would build a computer. We designed circuit boards and put them together and wrote in assemble languages to tell the computer what to do.

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

I think when I was in 7-8th grade -- when I was 12.

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

Yes. My mother was a big influencer in my life. She was a doctor and she told me if I chose not t to be a doctor, then I should be a scientist or engineer. Because as an engineer/scientist, I will have a core skill for life. I also had a great support environment as my father and teachers in the school all were delivering the same message to me.

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

I had my first mentor 3 years ago at IBM. I ask him for advice on business issues and career choices and he is great -- providing the support and helping me to grow. I now have multiple mentors that I can go to for advice on different issues. Those are the people I respect greatly -- they are inspirations to me.