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Willa Igbayo: I came into college and said I am going to do computer science and I never stopped. In my family there are three of us. It's my sister, my mother and myself. So my mom was pregnant when he passed away, it was like Christmas 1996. His name was Williams Lucky Ego Igbayo, so my name is Willa Lucky Igbayo, which means God has done it. New York City is a lot of hustle and bustle, taking the subway out to school is normal. Meeting people of all different cultures and backgrounds, that's normal as well. My mom is not your typical nigerian mother. She doesn't force you to become anything that you don't want to be. (1:00) She was like "hey if you want to do computer science, go ahead and do it, just be great in what you do." That's what she usually tells us. Be great in anything that you do. I like to sing, though I can't sing. I like to act, though I am not that good and I like to dance. When I dance, I feel like I am being one with the music. I don't really know how to explain it. I just let it go. Why am I doing computer science? You could do law, you could do corporate law, cause that's something that would always make you money and I am like it's not about making money at this point. It's about what I feel like I want to do. It has a really good community of females who are trying to do this and trying to break barriers and walls and the glass ceiling and I feel like it is just a really strong group. And I am grateful for it. (2:08) I think how the earth moves and the galaxy and everything, I think that it is really fascinating because we don't really know how it works. We don't know how it functions. What does it feel like to create something amazing? It feels like the sun rising. (2:44)