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Carly Litchfield: Yeah I agree, I feel like in the last, oh I don't know, ten years or so it's only gotten cooler and cooler to be a coder, you know. It used to be this nerdy thing that only nerdy people did.

Willa Igbayo: Nerdy men.

Carly Litchfield: Nerdy men did, yeah. Now it's just broadening and becoming much more mainstream and honestly a lot more accessible, right. Like all these organizations like Rewriting the Code and bootcamps are opening up and lots of companies are feeling like huge pressure to push for diversity, right. So they are trying to invest in it. Yeah so I think that it's only going to go up from here really. (:41)

Willa Igbayo: Have you ever felt like you've experienced "mansplaining" or have you ever felt like you stuck out and people made you stick out because you're female.

Carly Litchfield: Yeah, I mean yes that definitely happens, right? There's lesser times when you'll be the only girl in the room. That's kind of the truth of the industry that we're in. But there's definitely times, yeah, when stuff happens. One time I was interviewing somebody via skype or like a Google hangout, right? So I get them up and go "Hey I'm Carly, I am going to interview you today." and he says "Hold on I thought I was actually having an interview with an engineer today?" and I was like you are. (1:25)

Willa Igbayo: That is so rude.

Carly Litchfield: So tell me a little bit more about Rewriting the Code, what the organization does.

Willa Igbayo: Rewriting the Code is a really great organization to bring women together in the tech field. Whether it's computer science or engineering, even math, and it's just to empower them and help them grow in their career and be comfortable in it.

Carly Litchfield: Do you feel like Rewriting the Code has helped you in your professional goals? (1:53)

Willa Igbayo: Definitely, definitely. Once you joined Rewriting the Code, once you've applied for it, with the membership there's also a fellowship and the fellowship is selected members and your resume goes into a database and the database is seen by our TC's, Rewriting the Code, and partners. Basically I got chosen from the database by my current internship company, which is Bank of America. I am learning where I am. Right now I am developing an IOS application, never done that before. Never would have thought about doing that before. So I am definitely growing, learning and experiencing something new. (2:38)

