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I found my scientific voice at Meredith. As an undergrad, I was encouraged to do research, which I presented at a well-known conference. When I was a senior, Rosemary Hornak, my advisor, suggested that I contact Georgia Tech. I made the call, and now I'm finishing my Ph.D. I'll be the first African American woman to receive a Ph.D. in my field from Georgia Tech and one of only a handful in the country.

In addition to my studies, I design and market ergonomically-correct pet products. Because of my success in the intellectual world, I've been encouraged to focus exclusively on academics. But you know what? I have my own blueprint. And there's nothing wrong with it.”

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