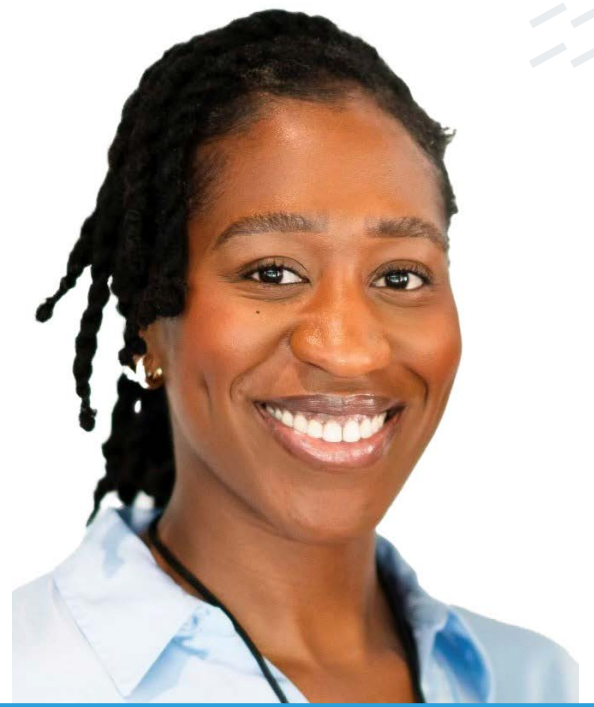


2023 Women's History Month



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■ What is your role at Engle Martin?

I am currently a Customer Success Engineer in the IT department. I've had the pleasure of being a part of Engle Martin for a little over 4 months.

■ Who is the most influential woman you know? How does she inspire you?

The most influential woman I know is my mother. My mother is the epitome of grace and class. I admire her driven spirit and the natural confidence she exudes.

■ This year, the theme of Women's History Month is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories". How does that resonate with you?

There are a lot of commonalities for women in the workplace. Based on my experience, stories and narratives of black women, and women of color, are usually muted or erased from storytelling. One of my favorite authors Chimamanda Adichie puts her speech in a nutshell stating that "to create a single story, show a people as one thing, as only one thing, over and over again, and that is what they become". Her conclusion responds to these misconceptions by reiterating the importance of spreading diverse stories in opposition to focusing on just one.



■ Have you faced any barriers in your career?

There simply aren't enough women in the IT/Tech space. It's common to look out into the world for examples in order to set your sights on something and envision your own career. The lack of professional women in IT to mentor and provide sponsorship in these spaces really make the difference. I overcame these obstacles by reminding myself I belong here and my contribution is impactful.

■ What is the most important piece of advice you have been given?

I am in control of the narrative I create for myself.

■ What is the most important message you want to send out to young women thinking about a career in the insurance industry?

As a young woman, the world will always tell you who you should be. Choose yourself daily. Don't dull your light for anyone. Never be afraid of failure. Failure is part of the process to achieve success. Whenever you have the tugging feeling of "should I do this?" you should almost always go for it. Be more afraid of missing a chance to learn something, and never hide from an opportunity.