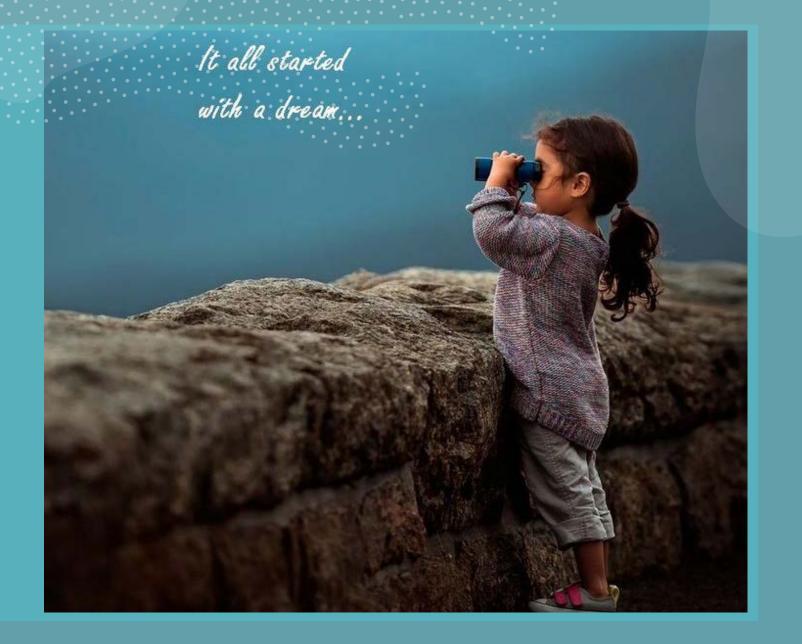
### From the Ground Up

Cecilia "Ceci" Muela Founder Women Leaders in Code



In the beginning...



### The dream



# Navigating the pitfalls of the dream



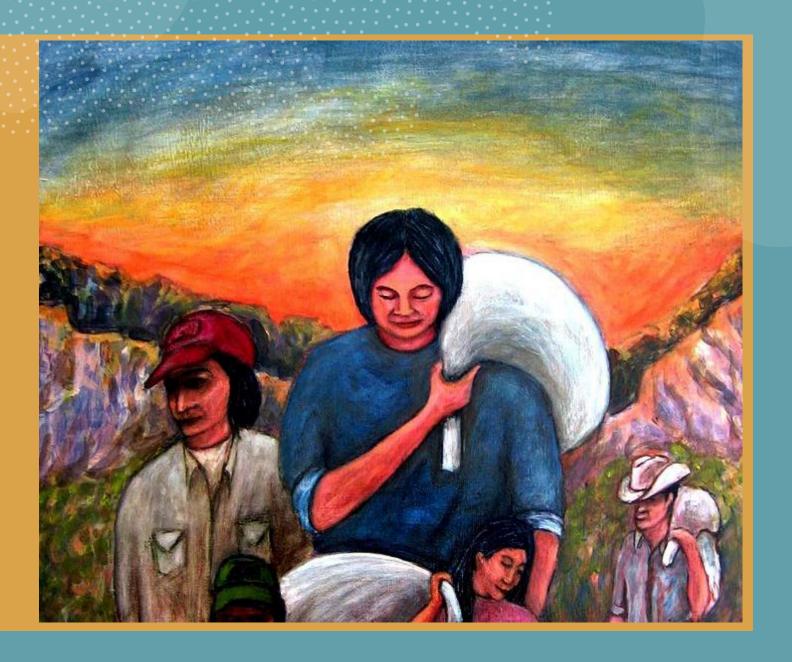
The unspoken language



## Find a way make a way



It's not always what it seems



Navigating the unexpected outcomes of the dream



### Defeat, Heartbreak, & Tay Tay



### Know the Difference

#### **Barriers**

Obstacles that prevent Movement or Access.

- Legit Get-In-Your-Way'ers
  - (Facts Reasons)

#### **Excuses**

All the things you tell yourself in the process of convincing yourself that "YOU CAN'T"

#### Growth

- 1. Self-development
- 2. Gradual improvement
- 3. Opportunities



#### Be Resolute

- Made succession more equitable
- Lived true to herself
- Tireless charity work
- Brought stability
- Longest serving monarch in English history

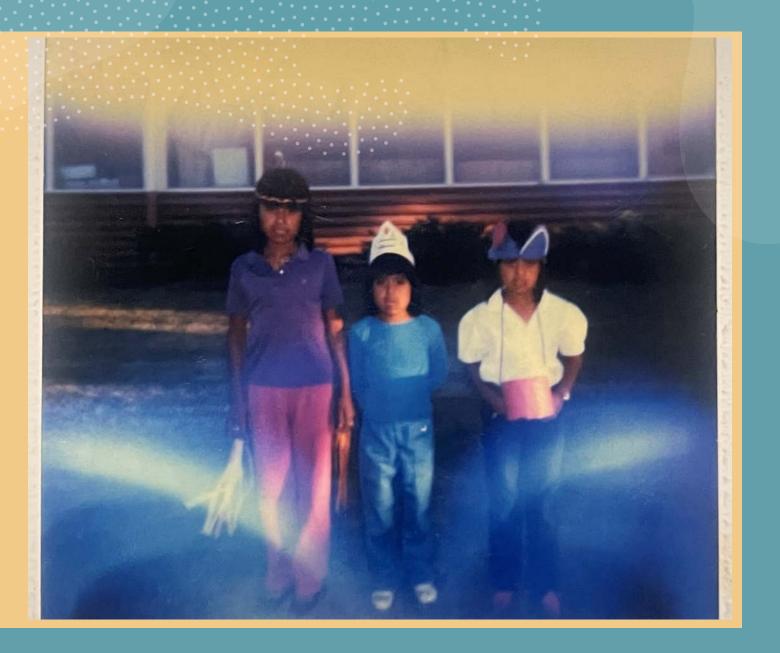
Don't let ANYTHING stand in your way...

You want it?..... GO GET IT



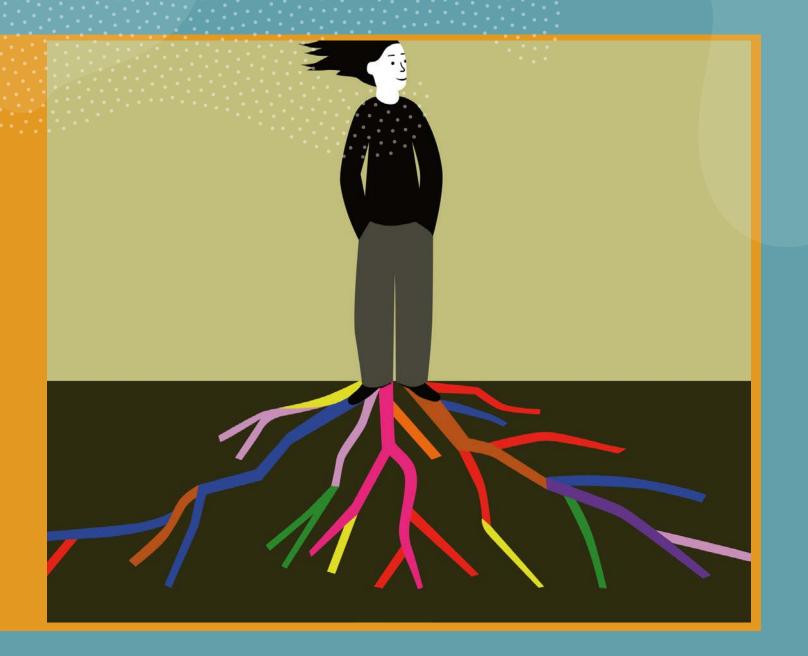


### And so there I went



### Resiliency

- 1. Learning from your obstacles
- 2. Never giving up
  - No means "Next Opportunity"
- 3. It requires the ability to adapt to changing circumstances and continue moving forward.
  - PIVOT!!



### Growth



### What does this mean for you?

## What does it look like for you?

## Visualize your future self!

Manifest that stuff!!





#### Includes

- 1. Self-development
- 2. Gradual improvement
- 3. Opportunities
- 4. Creating pathways
  - 1. If you want them to succeed, learn what success looks like for them
  - 2. And help them get there



### Lead the charge

"If you're talking about it, you're not doing it. Stop talking about it and start doing it!"

### And when you get there – Pay it forward



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#### WLCE

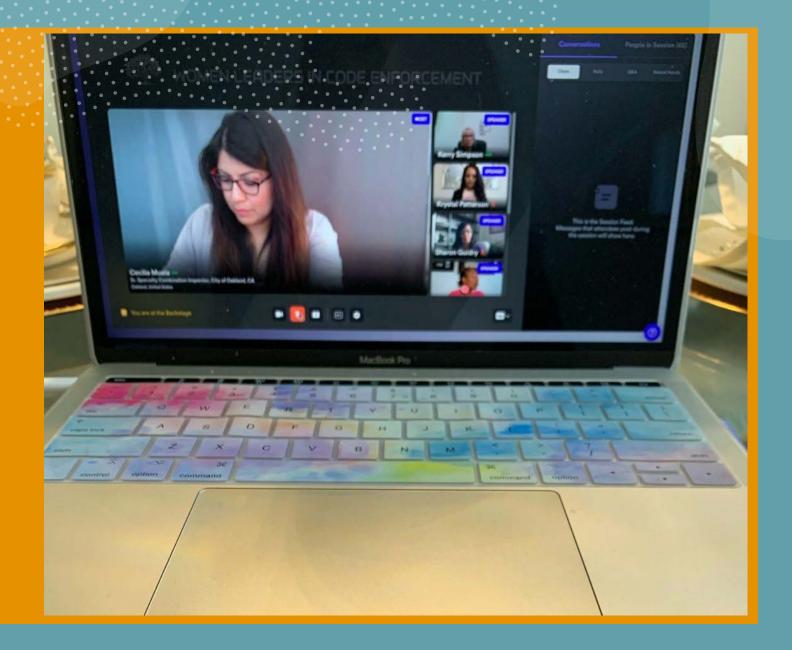
W = Work Hard

L = Lock it in - Dreams → Goals → Accomplishments

C = Commit to your plan

E = Embrace the/your journey







WLCE

# Building a pipeline for career growth and opportunity



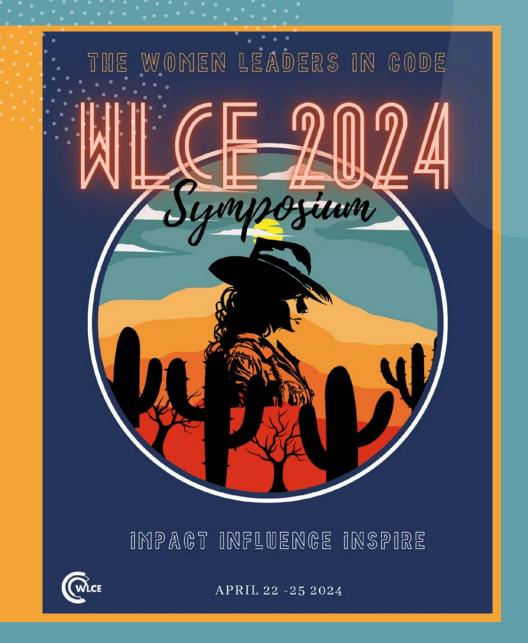
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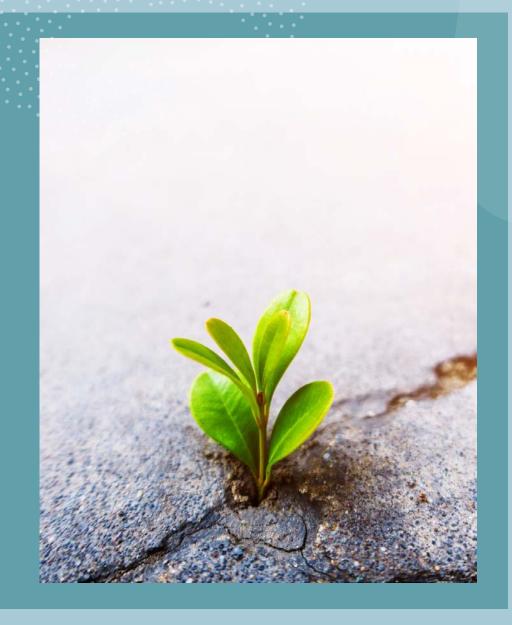
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#### It starts with a Dream

Add faith, and it becomes a belief. Add action, and it becomes a part of life. Add perseverance, and it becomes a goal in sight. Add patience and time, and it ends with a dream come true.



#### lam my parents dream come true

....And all of you are the dreams come true for those aspiring to grow and to become.



