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1. Tell us about yourself and your role at AMD.

Hello! My name is Olo. I recently completed a BS/MS in Computer Engineering from RIT. Now, I serve as a product dev engineer, specializing in Cache Resident Self Tests for APUs.

2. What hobbies did you have growing up?

When I was growing up, I loved to write (stories, poems, essays and songs) and dance a lot. I had some interest in science and liked to read encyclopedias around the house, but you could most likely find me off in a corner scribbling away or singing loudly when everyone in the house was trying to take a nap.

3. When did you know you wanted to go into STEM and what inspired you?

I would always have all these grand ideas, and these "visions" for the future that I knew would involve a lot of technological heavy lifting. I could not stop thinking of them, or talking about them, and I felt so strongly that I had to learn how to bring them to life. That really started my journey into deep STEM, and I have kept going in that direction since.

4. What do you like about being an engineer at AMD?

Everyone is willing to share what they know. It is very collaborative, and there is a lot of peer learning which helps to give every engineer a solid foundation in their career.



5. What advice would you like to give students who want to pursue a career in STEM?

You can learn anything, you just need a solid support system, and a good amount of motivation. Don't let anyone tell you your goals or out of reach or exaggerate the complexity of a problem before you even start tackling it. Often, those words psych you out, and are more difficult to overcome than the problem itself. You belong in the room just as much as everyone else, no matter your background. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Suffering in silence doesn't make you stronger, it just wastes your time.