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

I have been in the industry for over 25 years of which 10 years at AMD. Currently, I am leading a central CAD and Verification Design Methodology team where we deliver the best-in-class tools and flows to design our IP and SOC. I am also responsible for CTO and technology and engineering Operations.

**2. What hobbies did you have growing up?**

One of my favorite hobbies growing up was roller skating. I loved being outside and making new friends in the neighborhood. It was also an opportunity for me to learn English as I practiced with my friends.

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

I always had an affinity for math and science but did not know what it means in terms of a career in STEM. I had a Physics teacher who mentored me and helped me look into various summer work programs to explore different science fields. After two summers of doing that, I knew that I want to pursue engineering in college.

**4. What does engineering mean to you?**

Being an engineer to me is about creating great things. It is a personal satisfaction of solving everyday problems.

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

Being an engineer at AMD provides me the opportunity to work on some of the most exciting projects. We created some of the coolest chips that powered the gaming consoles, laptops, and advanced supercomputers.

**6. What has been your biggest challenge and how do you overcome hurdles?**

One of my earliest challenges when I immigrated to the US was learning English. It was difficult to adjust being in a new country, learning a new language, and keeping up with the school materials, especially History and English classes. I overcame this challenge and other challenges in my career by always believing in myself, staying focused and working hard.

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

Pursuing a career in STEM will open many doors and opportunities that are out there. STEM careers are very diverse, and my advice is to work with your Math or Science teacher, ask for their guidance as to which area to go into.