



2023 AT&T Rising Future Makers Application

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Introducing....

Your incoming 2023 rising future maker

In the realm of innovation, culture-building, and community impact, I, a **2023 White House HBCU Scholar**, stand as a shining example of a Rising Future Maker. With boundless enthusiasm and creativity, I've been the catalyst of transformative change within my community and HBCU campus, Edward Waters University.



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Realizing the need to promote innovation and creativity in my HBCU, I founded the Edward Waters Innovation Club. Since its inception, I have been at the helm, steering our collective vision towards new horizons. I have crafted a culture of entrepreneurial excellence, challenging the status quo and fostering an environment where bold ideas thrive.



With this club, I secured Edward Waters's Inaugural participation in several hackathons, innovation challenges, and case studies competitions. These include the Disney Innovation Challenge, HP Health IT competition, Zillow HBCU Hackathon, and numerous other competitive events, where we consistently demonstrated our prowess in innovation.



Personally, I have also served as an inspiration to the Edward Waters Student community by being the first student from my small HBCU accepted into the following competitive programs/Competitions.....

2022 NBA Innovate the
future competition,
where I took first place

Also got to hold the NBA trophy in my
palms 🤗

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CBRE Innovation Challenge

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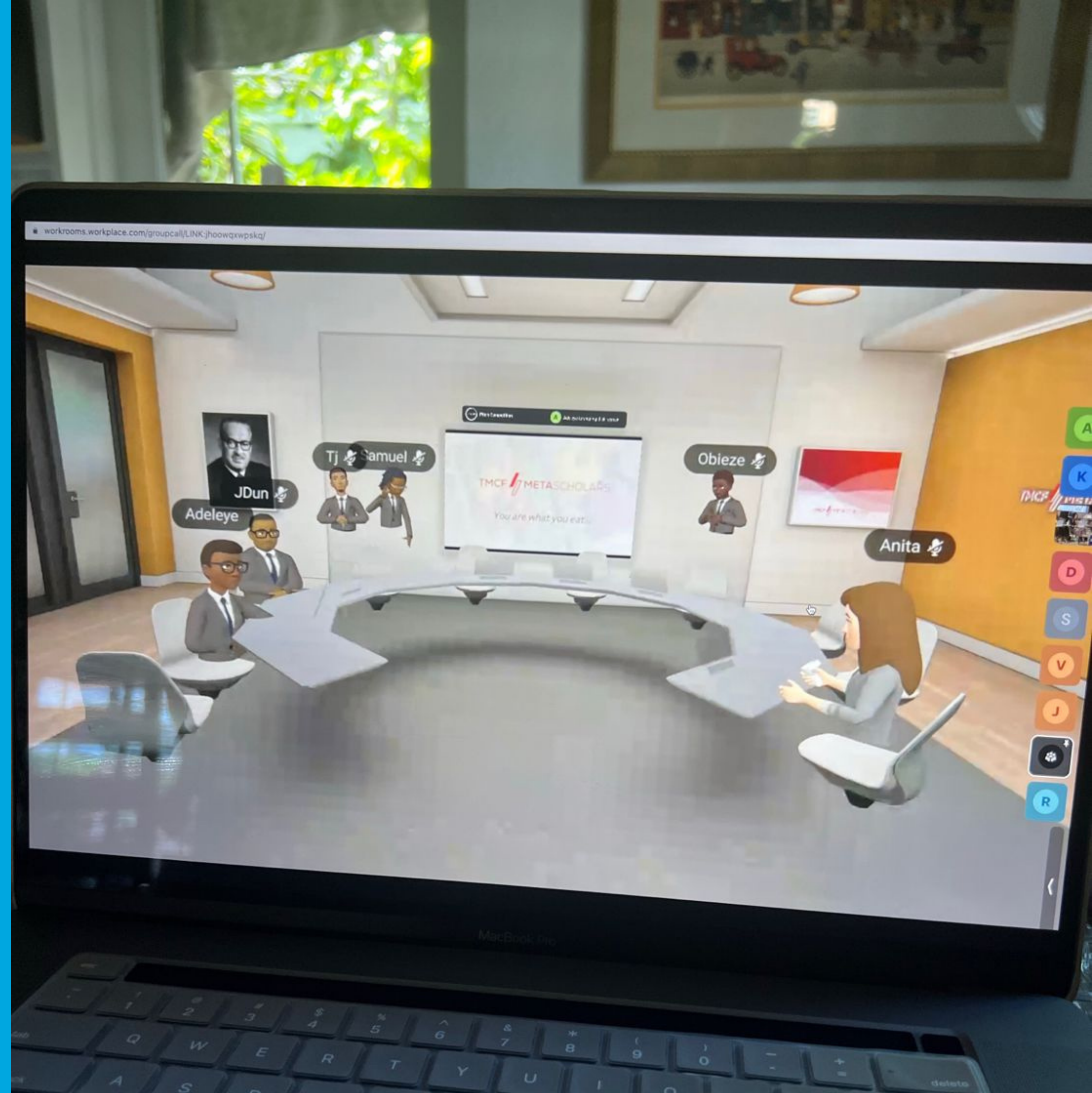
Army xtech HBCU competition

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I also pitched in
the **Metaverse**
for the **Kroger**
Zero Hunger, Zero
Waste Challenge

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Being a small HBCU in Jacksonville with about 1,000 students comes with its challenges. Big companies do not come for recruitment, and we are generally ostracized from internship and professional development opportunities, leaving us to search twice as hard for them.

This led me to create the **Edward Waters Opportunity Hub**, a platform that serves as a conduit of opportunity for Edward Waters students. Through this hub, I've unlocked the gateway to scholarships, internships, and professional advancement, that has empowered my fellow students.



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In my community...

In my pursuit of community impact, my passion found a special haven within the private clinic close to our Edward Waters campus. Here, I championed the implementation of a project known as Chronic Care Management, a relief for seniors in our community reliant on Medicare and Medicaid, and with two or more chronic illnesses.

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This venture was a bridge between enhanced healthcare delivery and a new stream of revenue for the clinic. This project was particularly impactful because we are an underserved predominantly black neighborhood and most beneficiaries would be low-income African-American Seniors.

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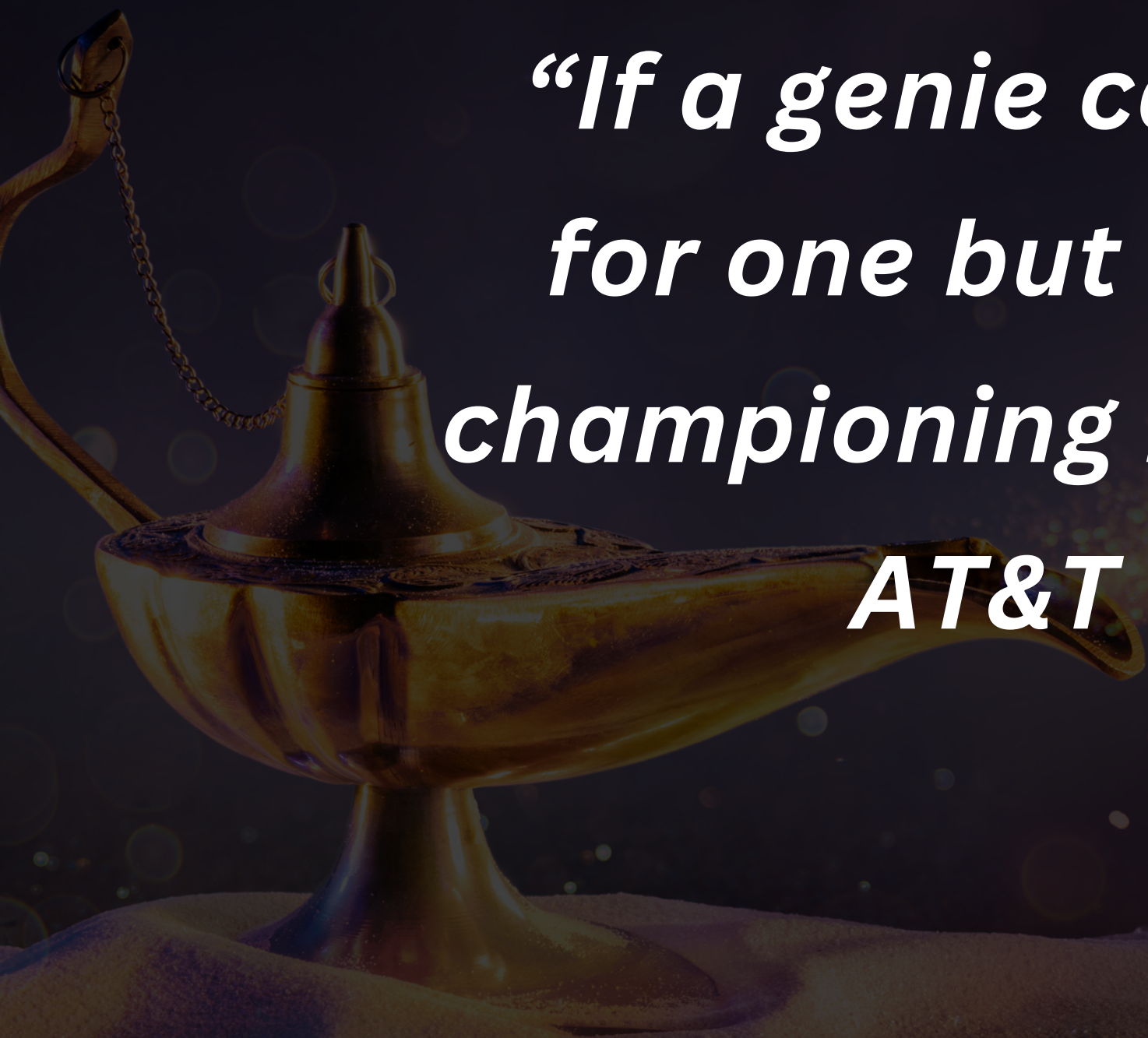


So, why should I be a Rising Future Maker?

Because I don't just innovate; I forge paths where none existed. I don't merely build culture; I foster environments where innovation thrives. My story is one of tenacity, vision, and a relentless commitment to advancing our world. I'm not content with the status quo; I'm driven by a passion to redefine it.



***“If a genie came today, I would wish not
for one but two things, the zeal to keep
championing innovation, and be named an
AT&T Rising Future Maker.”***



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