

Choosing to Become a Mathematician in Spite of

Student

Seminar

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Obstacles



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Beginning to navigate the mathematical community can feel abstract and vague. As a first-year undergraduate student, Talitha Washington withdrew from a mathematical proof course because of the rigorous demand. Now, she is a full professor of mathematics who leads a major initiative to develop data science that is grounded in ethics and addresses topics in Black America. She will share her pursuit of mathematics and how to cultivate mathematics through a broader community.

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