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Giving the next generation confidence to succeed

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My mom was a teacher, my dad was a policeman. And I went to public schools and I'm a graduate of Brooklyn College. That's what formed me. Everything else came later.

When I look back, and particularly at Brooklyn College and the young people there, they often are first-, maybe second-generation, but primarily first-generation and their average family income is about \$45,000.

I know that these young people are smart, capable and hard-working. But what they don't have is the aunt or uncle or father who's going to get them a summer internship at Goldman or Citi or any of these other places. So, we, the graduates who have achieved great success in our lives, have to be their family.

I'm meeting with students regularly. Last week we had a women's leadership event for the students of Brooklyn College. We are bringing back some graduates--younger, recent graduates, as well as older graduates like myself, to talk with them about the opportunities and what they could achieve, and how to go about it. And also, quite frankly, giving them the confidence to take on the world.

The other thing I should mention is that over the years, I've been quite involved in some programs that really help women too--with loans and giving them a chance to do things for their family, whether it was microfinance or others in emerging markets. Because when the woman got the loan to help her put together some money-making, income-producing activity, it helped the whole family. The children got educated, they had food to eat, the whole family life changed.