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Ugonna Agwu, a native of the Bronx, NY proud of her Nigerian roots, is a junior at Washington University in St. Louis, studying computer science, economics, and psychology.

She is the founder and president of the Girls Who Code College Loop on her campus, where she promotes gender parity in tech by fostering career development and mentorship. As treasurer of the African Student Association and a co-captain of its dance team, Ugonna leads efforts to manage all aspects of the organization's funds including fundraising via donations, grants, and sponsorships, while fostering cultural awareness, and community engagement. Additionally, she tutors kindergarten through sixth grade students to improve their reading and math proficiency.

Ugonna is passionate about using technology to address social issues at the intersection of criminal justice and technology. Inspired by a personal experience with a close relative's kidnapping in Nigeria, she will pursue a career as an attorney focused on legal reform centered upon the safety of Black women and girls. More specifically she will leverage artificial intelligence (AI), DNA analysis, data analytics, and facial recognition to optimize missing persons efforts through a unified global database.

Ugonna is, a NCNW Rising Changemaker!