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She has risen to vice president of strategic initiatives, but she is quick to add, "There are a lot of vice presidents here."

Flowers was part of the CitiMortgage Strategic Markets Team that originated more than 35,000 mortgages in 2011 and exceeded its Community Reinvestment Act goal by 102 percent, said Tammy Orr, director of Business Strategy for the team and Flowers' manager.

Flowers taught Citi's financial education curriculum to teenagers at the Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club and was the youngest director elected to its board.

She also serves on the Board of Young Professionals at the Regional Business Council of St. Louis. Flowers is an active member of the Professional Organization of Women Inc., a nonprofit that provides service programs for career-oriented African American women.

As for that dream of owning her own business: "It's not far off. I'm looking at the health and fitness industries, targeting some of the same demographics I serve at Citi."

High school: Hopewell High School

Colleges: James Madison University, Washington University's Olin School of Business

Degrees: B.S. in business administration, M.B.A.

Favorite sports team: Cleveland Browns

Favorite "winning" moment: Finishing the U.S. Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., with my dad in 2000

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