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Born in the United States to Nigerian immigrant parents who arrived with little more than the clothes on their back, Dr. Oleka's life story is a powerful testament to the American Dream. Through faith, hard work, opportunity, his family rose from poverty to prosperity and he has carried those values with him every phase of his career.

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