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Tell Me Why: “Dream big, dream loud”

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On a recent episode of Tell Me Why — American’s vodcast series for team members that shares the “why” behind the decisions we make — host Ron DeFeo, Senior Vice President of Global Engagement for American, sat down with Dallas Fort Worth (DFW)-based First Officer Beth Powell and retired First Officer Brenda Robinson. Brenda was the first African-American female pilot in the U.S. Navy and the first African-American woman at American to graduate pilot training. She and Beth discuss their passion for soaring above the clouds, the support of their parents to dream big, being the “first” in breaking barriers and supporting the next generation of diverse pilots.

You can watch the video below, and you can also download Tell Me Why as a podcast from [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#).

On Feb. 18, Beth was also featured on **NBC’s “Today” show** where she discussed helping young girls reach new heights. You can also read a profile of Beth recently published in **Essence**.



