

## Breakthrough: What does the future look like when we break through the glass ceilings? Manifesto

To create Breakthrough, I examined my personal values and beliefs. I reflected on the opportunities that have been presented to me, the challenges that I, as a black woman from a developing country, have faced and the ways how my interactions with society have shaped my worldview and priorities. I noted the 5 topics that I deemed most important to use as inspiration for my exquisite cadaver:

- A) Eco architecture and green energy sources to promote sustainability within the city
- B) Architectural developments that integrate technology and creativity
- C) Inclusivity and accessibility to resources, education, and opportunities for all races, genders and abilities.
- D) Technological innovations in various interdisciplinary fields
- E) Women and people of colour in positions of leadership, and authority

With these concepts in mind I began to brainstorm ways to merge these ideas into one image. The initial picture that stuck out to me the most was a representation of myself looking forward to the technological and social improvements that society could make. This idea evolved as I began to develop and visualize it, allowing me to realize the relationships between my idealistic city and the limitations of our current society. When I had developed my collage to its current state I took the time to reflect on the steps that would need to be taken to break the glass ceilings in our society and bring even just a few key details of my idealistic future to fruition. Completing this assignment has reinspired me to continue to pursue goals that others may deem overly ambitious or unachievable.