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Previously, she raced to the officer ranks in no time in her career, making vice president before the age of 30. Then she "fell" into entrepreneurship, marking her agency's 7-figure sales milestone in year 5. She's held officer-level positions for about half her career and supported C-Suite execs at some of the most respected organizations.

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