BACKGROUND

Jessica O. Matthews is the Founder & CEO of Uncharted Power, an award-winning, power access company, that transforms the ground beneath us into smart, secure and cost-effective infrastructure for renewable energy access. Founded by Jessica at the age of 22, the company’s proprietary suite of technology creates the “internet for decentralized energy” that can easily interconnect decentralized power applications (residential solar, electric vehicle charging stations, IoT sensors, etc.) into one sustainable network, bridging the power access gap between current grid and off-grid solutions.

Jessica’s success in energy and entrepreneurship led to a White House invitation from President Barack Obama to represent small companies for the signing of the America Invents Act in 2012. In 2016, she raised what was at the time the largest Series A round ever raised by a black female founder in history, and was selected to ring the NASDAQ opening ceremony bell, representing all Forbes 30 Under 30 alumni.

Jessica’s research and career center around the intersection of disruptive technology, renewable energy, human behavior, and the psychology of self-actualization. A dual citizen of Nigeria & the United States Jessica has a degree in Psychology and Economics from Harvard University, an MBA from Harvard Business School, and is listed on over 12 patents and patents pending, including her first invention of the SOCCKET, an energy generating soccer ball, at the age of 19. Her list of accolades include Fortune’s Most Promising Women Entrepreneurs, Forbes 30 Under 30, Inc. Magazine 30 Under 30, and Harvard University Scientist of the Year.

“Awards & Accolades”

2020  Tech Trailblazer Award, BWTT
2018  Ford Freedom Award Scholar
2018  Ebony Power 100 List
2017  Crain’s New York Business 40 Under 40
2016  African Diaspora Awards - Entrepreneur of the Year
2016  Gold Stevie Winner
Female Entrepreneur of the Year - Business Services
2016  Marie Claire Young Women’s Honoree
2016  Oprah’s SuperSoul 100
2016  Inc Magazine 30 Under 30
2015  Fortune’s Most Promising Women Entrepreneurs
2015  Levo League’s Levo 100
List of Extraordinary Millennials
2014  Variety’s Power of Women Inspiration to Action Award
2014  Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award
2014  Forbes 30 Under 30
2013  Black Enterprise’s Innovator of the Year
2013  Millennium Challenge Next Generation Award
2012  Top 8 Finalist for Glamour Magazine’s Woman of the Year
2012  Black Enterprise’s 40 Under 40 Next Generation of Women in Power
2012  Scientist of the Year by Harvard University
2012  Newsweek/Daily Beast’s Mother of Invention
2011  Fortune Magazine’s – Next Generation Entrepreneurs
2011  Featured Partner of White House in America Invents Act patent reform
2011  Good Housekeeping’s Shine On Award
2010  Popular Mechanics’ Breakthrough Award

“Her’s the Elon Musk of kinetic energy.”
- Megan Smith, Chief Technology Officer of the United States of America

“If ever there was an innovator, she’s it.”
- Fmr. President Bill Clinton