

## To The CJ Silas Show community:

I wanted to take a moment to address my first chance at announcing an MLB game, 30 years in the making. I was given the opportunity to fill in for the SF Giant's Public Address Announcer position last night. I am overjoyed and grateful to the team for their support in growing my career, but my gratitude cannot be expressed without addressing my profound respect for Renel Brooks-Moon. Renel's contributions to the sports world are indisputable, as she is a shining light and pillar in the community. Like many in the San Francisco Giant's community, I share the same appreciation for Renel and her countless hours dedicated to paving the path for women in sports.

For someone like me who has been involved in sports on and off the field since childhood, it is trailblazers like Renel who have inspired me throughout my baseball career. I am grateful to witness her guide people to their dreams; women, people of color, and young girls.

My passion for sports runs deep. As an LA native, the Dodgers are integral to my herstory and shaped many of my experiences growing up. Jackie Robinson and his legacy have been a guiding force in my life beginning when I was one of the first girls playing little league in West LA, but I couldn't continue because girls weren't allowed to play at the higher level. This deepened my connection with his journey of fighting for a dream and #NeverGivingUp. His courage to break barriers and #BeTheChange resonated with me as I wanted to be the first woman to play professional baseball as Jackie Robinson was the first Black man to play in the white major leagues.

My heart wants to enjoy this moment, remember those who came before me, honor those still fighting, and move forward with grace and humility. Bottom line, last night at Oracle Park was the best night of my career. No matter what happens moving forward, I will hold March 26, 2024, in my heart because that, my friends, was **the best day of my career.** #RoadToTheMajors #NeverGiveUp #BeTheChange #JR42

Let's do this, CJ

