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Serena Williams is widely considered one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Ranked number one in singles by the Women's Tennis Association for 319 weeks, Williams won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, four Olympic gold medals, the Laureus Sportswoman of the Year award four times, 14 major women's doubles titles with her sister Venus Williams and, in December 2015, was named Sportsperson of the Year by *Sports Illustrated* magazine. In 2016 she earned almost \$29 million becoming the world's highest paid female athlete.

She and her sister are credited with ushering in a new era of power and athleticism on the women's professional tennis tour and with increasing diversity within the sport.

Williams is also a successful businesswoman, with more than a dozen corporate partners and investments in over 60 startups through her firm Serena Ventures. One of her latest investments, in interviewing company Karat's Brilliant Black Minds initiative, aims to help more Black software engineers enter the tech industry by providing free interview practice, feedback and coaching.

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