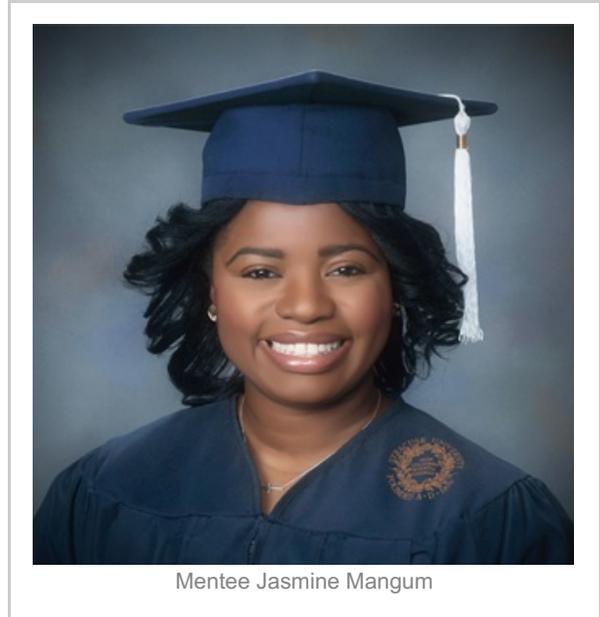


# Meet Our Mentees – Jasmine Mangum

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When you were in high school, did you know how to prepare for a test or how to complete a FASFA application for college financial aid? Do you remember establishing your first bank account or even how to look for your first job? Did anyone ever explain the basics of establishing and maintaining a positive credit history? Simple things that may seem easy to you now may be hard to comprehend as a teenager. January is National Mentoring Month and in an effort to promote FWA mentoring, we've asked Syracuse University alum and former FWA mentee, Jasmine Mangum, to talk about her experiences in the program. Take a look at what Jasmine had to say:



Joining the FWA Mentorship Program was one of the greatest decisions I ever made. I started the program as a Sophomore at Murry Bergtraum High School for Business. I was paired with my first mentor, Cassandra Escobar, and I cannot express enough how involved she was in all aspects of my success. Cassandra formed the foundation of the skills and strengths I now apply in my everyday responsibilities as an employee of GEICO Insurance. During my second year in the program, Cassandra took a position in another state to advance her career, but there was no amount of space or time that could change the nature of the relationship we fostered.

I met my second FWA mentor, Linda Kenyon, shortly after Cassandra's move. I had high expectations because of the relationship I formed with Cassandra. The FWA made an amazing choice of pairing Linda and me together. With Linda as my mentor, I was pushed to do even more while already being heavily involved in extracurricular activities. I was an active officer in the student government, I then became class president, was an active leader in my learning community, a member of another mentorship program, and so much more. For Linda, there was always an opportunity to do more and together with her guidance I was selected amongst my peers to be the speaker at the Annual Women of the Year Awards hosted by the FWA, an honor I'm forever grateful for and proud of.

What intrigued me most about the FWA was the quality of programming offered; such as the etiquette dinners in the towers of the Bank of America headquarters at Bryant Park or the wide array of performances we attended, like theater ballets for example. The tools to success were always a conversation or program event away. The FWA's commitment to their mentees let

me know that this was an organization truly invested in molding the corporate world's future leaders and I knew that I had to be involved. What I am most fond of is that the FWA's mentoring program extends far beyond any event or experience. The relationship formed with my mentors has carried on even today and the wonderful FWA mentors don't just mentor young ladies into college, they prepare future women executives for the positions they currently hold. More importantly, the FWA mentors fulfill the mission of accelerating the leadership and success of women.

## **Interested in Mentoring?**

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