

Meet Our Mentees – Kiwing Lok

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This month's featured mentee is **Kiwing Lok** who is a senior accounting major at Baruch College. Kiwing joined the FWA mentoring program in hopes of enriching her college experience. She wanted a mentor to help guide her through difficult decisions, whether career or life.

Kiwing migrated with her family from Hong Kong to New York when she was 12 years old, and credits FWA's mentoring program with helping her overcome adversity. "The FWA mentoring program has supported me personally and professionally. This was extremely important, as I struggled with attending a commuter college. I'm lucky to have two mentors; Jane Bernadini and Alison Lee. Normally the program has one mentor for two years, but as I started my senior year, Alison (an FWA Mentoring Program Alumna) came on board



as a mentor. Both are incredible mentors who given me extremely helpful advice. The advice shared, and lessons learned from our FWA events have empowered me and taught me to keep moving forward despite any hardships or obstacles. My mentors have helped me face real-life situations that I didn't know how to handle. That kind of support is priceless."

As an FWA mentee, Kiwing also works part-time and is enrolled in a 5-year dual Bachelor's/Master's Program at Baruch and will earn her Masters in September 2018. Her family is her inspiration, especially her mother. She says, "despite all the obstacles, my mom went to a two-year community school and obtained a Medical Assistant's Certification. This allowed her to provide opportunities for me and for my younger brother. As a result, my family is a constant motivation. They push me to move forward and reach higher."

Kiwing also acknowledges that being around the women of the FWA is invigorating and gives her the tenacity to aspire to greatness. "The FWA Annual Dinner left a big impact on me. Being in the same room as so many inspirational women, whose speeches all touched my heart, was captivating. Being a BMO Capital Markets Scholarship recipient, I was lucky to sit at the same table as them. They were extremely generous for offsetting my tuition, and for helping me achieve my dreams of being the first person in my family to graduate college and go on to earn a master's degree. I am so grateful for that experience, and it would not have been possible without FWA's mentoring program. The women of the FWA hall all have taught me the importance of feeling confident and empowered. I recommend the FWA Mentoring Program to

others because it aligns with my values and goals. There are so many opportunities to meet inspiring women and take in their genuine guidance and advice. The mentees learn something new every chance we get, and our mentors are always available for us.”

Interested in Mentoring?

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