

The Power of Mentoring

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Mentoring is one of the FWA hallmark programs that has touched the lives of thousands of women. Read below a powerful testament from one of our current Baruch Mentees.

Dear FWA,

I am Mirjana (Ana) Llana, an Accounting student in the 3rd year of my studies at Baruch College and a recipient of the FWA Mentee Award and FWA-BMO Capital Markets Endowed Scholarship. I am writing to express how grateful I am to you for having changed the course of my life for the Fall 2017 semester by awarding me the scholarships.

I moved from Albania three and a half years ago with my mother and sister. Since then I have had to work while going to school, so I could be able to support my family and help pay my tuition. It has been challenging to go through the culture changes, the financial struggles, maintaining a high GPA, and being an active leader in Baruch. However, I have always put education and career first, and so far, it has been rewarding.

Last summer, I interned at E&Y as an Advisory intern. There, I received a broad exposure to the financial industry. That inspired me to decide to pursue a career in Investment Banking (IB). Recruiting for IB is competitive. This semester has been the most challenging so far.

At its start, I was working as a tutor at S.E.E.K, a program in my school. However, taking important accounting classes, working part-time, being heavily involved with ALPFA (The Association of Latino Professionals For America) in my school made focusing on my career difficult. That is why the scholarship was a huge help. It took off my financial burden, allowed me to stop working and to focus on securing an internship for the summer 2018.

I put plenty of hours of studying, networking, meeting people for coffee chats and I am proud and happy to say that this summer I will be working as an Investment Banking Summer Analyst at Barclays. I would not have it done without your help, the support of FWA – my mentor Betsy Werley, the Financial Leadership Program and Marietta Bottero, members of ALPFA Baruch, and my family.



FWA Baruch Mentee Mirjana Llana

I would like you to know that I will never forget this huge help and I will pay it forward. I hold leadership positions at Baruch and I try to be a valuable member of the community by contributing any way I can. I will maintain the same involvement and give back to people with potential whose circumstances do not allow them to blossom.

Again, thank you for your help and I look forward to keeping you posted on my future endeavors. I wish we will have the chance to meet in person and get to know each other better.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Warm regards,

Ana Mirjana Llana

Interested in Mentoring?

Given how important mentoring is, you could be a key source of knowledge to a young woman seeking guidance with developing her career. To learn more about FWA mentoring and to get involved contact:

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