

2018 Wall Street Exchange – Closing Session Highlights

fwa.org/spotlight/2018-wall-street-exchange-closing-reception-hosted-by-bnp-paribas-highlights/

BNP Paribas, one of the Financial Women’s Association’s President Circle sponsors, hosted the 2018 Wall Street Exchange Closing Reception on August 2 at its North America headquarters at 787 7th Ave. More than 50 attendees, including FWA members and BNP Paribas staff, gathered to celebrate the achievement of the junior talent in the Program. Co-Chair of the WSE Committee, **Marline Alexander**, First Vice President of BHI, kicked off the evening by congratulating this year’s bright, talented and ambitious interns.



Keynote Speaker Regina Huber interacting with interns.

Chen Rao, Global Markets Treasury Officer from BNP Paribas, provided welcoming

remarks and related how her experience as a past WSE graduate inspired her to stay involved with the Financial Women’s Association. She urged this class of interns to “stay focused, stay motivated, and stay engaged” as they embark on a professional path in the financial services industry.

Eileen Isola, BNP Paribas’ Managing Director, Head of Professional Ethics and Market Integrity Domains Americas, shared with the crowd the Bank’s global commitment to Diversity & Inclusion. Highlighting the bank’s designation as a Thematic Champion of the United Nations’ HeForShe initiative, Eileen explored the importance of diversity of thoughts, backgrounds and experiences within an organization.

The event’s keynote speaker, Founder & CEO of Transform Your Performance, **Regina Huber**, delivered a dynamic talk, titled, “*Show up with Power & Authenticity to Drive Your Success*”. Regina was masterful in showing those in the crowd how to tap into their inner potential for leadership roles. The three pillars of making this transformational change included: finding one’s distinctive uniqueness; cultivating an empowering mindset; and building body-conscious presence. Being visible and being heard helps to propel one’s professional career to an elevated level.

Immediate Past President of Financial Women’s Association, **Stacy Musi**, provided inspirational closing remarks highlighting the need to empower women and strive for career success. Developing a strong network early on and cultivating it throughout the course of one’s career is key.

The event was well received by attendees as an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and network.



Wall Street Exchange Committee member Marietta Bottero applauding Co-Chair Marline Alexander for co-leading the Program with Pia Matthes.



Eileen Isola, Head of Professional Ethics and Market Integrity Domains Americas, BNP Paribas, giving an overview of the firm's diversity strategy.



Chen Rao, Global Markets Treasury Officer, BNP Paribas, providing welcoming remarks of closing reception.



Wall Street Exchange – Class of 2018

About Wall Street Exchange

The Wall Street Exchange (“WSE”) is a career development program sponsored by Financial Women’s Association (FWA) of New York, with over 1,000 alumni to date. The program is designed to augment and coincide with the summer internship work experience of select qualified rising college seniors working as interns in the New York metropolitan area. This year, a cohort of 34 WSE participants from diverse backgrounds had the opportunity to expand their peer networks outside of their internship firms.

Participating President’s Circle firms each sponsored a professional development activity over the seven-week program, which covered topics such as trading desk activities and interviewing skills, as well as a number of financial industry career panels. Sponsor firms for 2018 Class included: BMO, BNP Paribas, BNY Mellon, MUFG, New York Life, SMBC, and Wells Fargo.

Interested in Wall Street Exchange Program?

To learn more about the program and to get involved contact the WSE Committee Co-chair: [Marline Alexander](#) or [Pia Matthes](#).