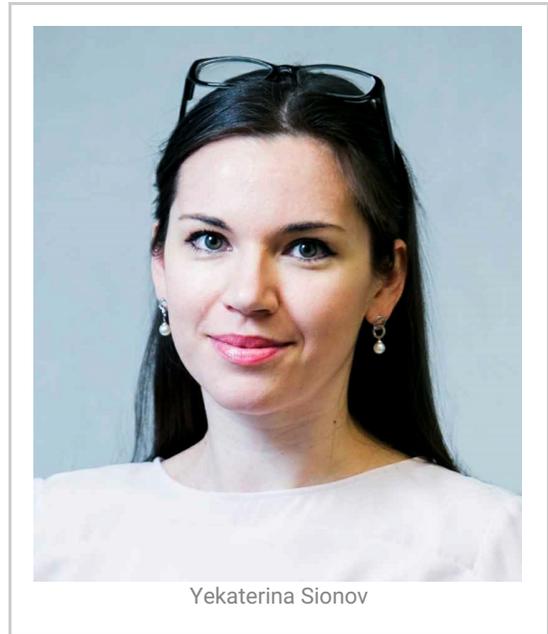


Meet Our Mentees – Yekaterina Sionov

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Mentorship is not just about learning new skills, it's an opportunity to help someone realize their value. Mentoring has to be authentic, it has to be relationship-based, and the ground-work has to be laid to cultivate a genuine bond. Mentoring is not about just checking a box on a list of procedures, its an investment, a commitment, a dedication of your time and energy to help someone, often younger learn the ropes.

This month's featured mentee is Baruch College Senior, Yekaterina Sionov. Yekaterina, a native of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, is a full-time college student and mother of 2. She juggles being a wife, mother, student, and recently accepted a full-time offer from EY in Assurance Services. "I feel like I would not have been able to achieve this without my mentor, Anna Gitelman, and all the amazing women in the FWA Mentoring program," she says. "Despite her busy schedule, Anna is always available to make time for me. Her dedication, advice, and endless support helped me achieve my goal of getting a job within one of the Big Four accounting firms. As a mother to a baby boy, my path can be very challenging, but my amazing mentor is there to help me."



Yekaterina says whilst there are many things she admires about the FWA Mentoring program, such as the opportunities to connect with other mentees, it is the remarkable women of the FWA that truly stands out. "Getting an education in the United States and becoming familiar with the business world was challenging for me. Since I was not familiar with how to become successful in the accounting field, finding an opportunity like the FWA was a real gem. The most incredible aspect of the program is that these women are inspiring the next generation [with] their experiences in the professional world. That to me was priceless."

Yekaterina reveals that the FWA Mentoring program has influenced her career. "The FWA Mentoring program has played a major role in my personal and professional life. The most important and valuable aspect of the program to me was the fact that I got a life-time of memories, friends and a simply amazing and caring mentor. I am forever grateful to every single person who is the part of the program and who made it possible for young female students to become successful professionals," She concludes.

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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