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A Sample of Companies Represented in the
2019-2020 Mentor Program:

American Life
Armanino
Bader Martin
Boeing
CLA– CliftonLarsonAllen
Copiers NW
Deloitte
The Dental Group
Expedia
EY– Ernst & Young
The Gates Foundation
Grant Thornton
Hauser Jones & SAS
KOM Consulting
KPMG
Microsoft
Moss Adams
PwC– PricewaterhouseCoopers
Seattle University
Starbucks
Tableau
Zillow



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Albers Department of Accounting

Accounting Mentor Program 2020-2021

Accounting Mentor Fair

September 25, 2020

4:30-6:00pm

Virtual via Hopin

Kick-Off event—meet the mentors

Student Orientation

September 25, 2020

3:30-4:15pm

Virtual via Zoom

Information & details about the program

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Mentor Program Overview

The Accounting Mentor Program is highly acclaimed by the business community and our students. The program was founded in 2002 and has served many students and mentors. Junior and senior undergraduate students and graduate students are placed with Puget Sound area professionals to get a sense of what their career may look like after graduation.

Mentors are currently practicing in the field of accounting and so can provide valuable insight and experiences about topics from the recruiting process and interviewing to longer range professional development questions. Our students value the opportunity to meet with seasoned mentors and are eager to reap the benefits from this valuable experiential learning opportunity.

Benefits of the Mentor Program

Building success in today's business climate requires more than scholarly academic pursuits. It requires knowledge of the business environment and the ability to negotiate within it.

Although participation in this program is completely voluntary, those who have been a part describe the following as benefits of participating:

- Network with professionals from your field/ industry of interest
- Receive personal career advice and guidance
- Experience hands-on how the theories discussed in class are applied in the real world

What to Expect from Your Mentor

No two mentors in our program are alike. They each bring their own style and personality to the relationship. Just as you will bring your own style and personality to the relationship.

Typically you will work with your mentor and one or two other students to identify experiences and discussions that will help you to examine your career goals and aspirations.

Other opportunities gained through the Mentors Program include, but are not limited to:

- Exploration of new career fields
- Learn more about the mentor's company/industry
- Gain connections through the mentor's network
- Learn how senior executives balance work life, community involvement, and family
- Build a relationship not only with the mentor, but also with other students in your program

"Mentors have played a significant role in my professional development which is why I continue to participate in the Accounting Mentor Program. I love the excitement and optimism of the students who I've met and mentored through this program and enjoy sharing my experiences with them."

-Li Tan, Albers Alumna, Accounting Mentor and Corporate Controller at American Life, Inc.

Process to Join the Mentor Program

The program begins in early October and runs through mid-June. Participation in this program is completely voluntary.

The steps to join the Mentor Program are as follows:

- Identify your goals for the program
- Visit www.seattleu.edu/business/departments/accounting/accounting-mentor-program/ to read and research mentor profiles
- Attend the Student Orientation Session prior to the Mentor Fair to gain tips and info for a successful mentoring experience
- Attend the **Mentor Fair** to meet and mingle with mentors
- Review the recording of the Student Orientation Session on the Accounting Mentor Program website if you are not able to attend the Mentor Fair
- Turn in your Mentor Selection Form by October 5 (located on website)

Mentor placements will be completed by the end of October, and you will receive an e-mail with your mentor assignment. At that point your next steps are:

- Communicate with your group members to decide possible dates and times for your first meeting with your mentor
- Designate a group leader to contact the mentor to set up the first meeting
- In the first meeting, set group and individual goals for the year
- Keep the program coordinators updated about your experience, any problems, etc.
- Plan to meet with your mentor and group on a regular basis during the academic year.