



Honoring Women Worldwide™
Uniting Women Globally to Thrive in Our World

The Art of Honoring Leadership Development College Mentoring Program

Mentee Reflection

I had the privilege to be a mentee in a college mentoring program called the Art of Honoring Leadership Development offered by Honoring Women Worldwide (HWW), a non-profit organization. I wanted to be a part of the program because their mission was to “mobilize, inspire, and honor women from all cultures and generations to lead and achieve personal success.” I was not only intrigued by this mission statement, but also in being a contributor to ensuring that the mission is upheld.

Honoring Women Worldwide is very dedicated to give first-generation, female, junior and senior college students the opportunity to become better prepared to successfully enter the work field. At the time, I lacked knowledge about the importance of networking and being vocal about my passions. I learned during college that being opinionated is empowering and

crucial for personal development. My experience in the HWW college mentoring program was unique and unforgettable. I was able to be mentored and also mentor others, which is a fulfilling experience.

At the time, I wanted to pursue a career as a PA (physician assistant) and was paired with two outstanding mentors. My mentors Tonya Hampton and Kimberly Simon both worked for HealthPartners. My mentors helped me develop my own Roadmap to Success project by meeting with me twice a week to discuss my progress in school and strengthen my candidacy to be considered for PA school. In addition to meeting twice a week, we also met with other mentees and mentors once a month to discuss everyone’s progress. It was a very empowering environment because the speakers discussed their experience about their leadership and personal development.

During my senior year in college, I completed the program and decided to pursue a different career path that I was very passionate about. I want to attend law school and embark on a career in law focusing on health policy. I graduated from Hamline University with a double major in Biology and Political Science.

On the same day of my graduation, I was crowned Miss Minnesota Latina 2015. This wonderful opportunity has enabled me to network with organizations like United Way, the National Kidney Foundation, and Operation: Move for School to put forth a service project in my own community that focuses on improving health in underserved communities and bring a mentor opportunity for 6th grade students to promote STEM education awareness.

The HWW college mentoring program was an excellent program for me and it has helped enhance my capabilities. I am passionate about leadership and service, I am thankful for the opportunities I have had that allowed me to grow as a community leader.

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