The Pacesetter Program

The FWA’s proprietary leadership program for President Circle Company Women

Who are the Pacesetters?

Upwardly mobile women who have distinguished themselves in their organizations and have the aspiration, talents and exemplary skills that set the pace for excellence.

2021 Pacesetters: The FWA is proud to sponsor its specialized leadership development program for high potential women from the FWA’s President’s Circle Companies. At the FWA, we believe the word “pacesetter” has always applied to that group of elite companies that have partnered with us. The Pacesetter Program is a continuing partnership with the President’s Circle organizations that recognizes outstanding women within those companies who exemplify the character, achievement, passion, and leadership that is critical to organizational success. The Pacesetter Program was launched in 2015 as an additional benefit to President’s Circle Companies and to support the development of the next generation of women leaders within those organizations.

We are pleased to present the sixth Pacesetter cohort of twenty-seven dynamic women for 2021/22:
The Pacesetter Program offers participants the opportunity to focus on specific objectives and needs which are relevant to their leadership development and career advancement.

Early in the fiscal year, a customized development plan is created. From there, participants will:

- Be mentored by a senior FWA member and coached by a professional executive coach
- Attend dedicated workshops designed to build key leadership skills
- Meet senior leaders from President’s Circle Companies and benefit from their insights, perspectives, and experience
- Attend workshops and other interactive sessions with professional development experts, authors, organizational development specialists and renowned leaders
- Expand their networks while developing personal and professional bonds with their cohort group, previous cohorts and others in the FWA
- Receive a complimentary FWA membership and enjoy the many membership benefits
- Be recognized at the FWA’s Annual Reception and featured in its member communications
- Attend FWA events and be welcomed into the FWA community

"I am most looking forward to gaining industry insights, and take advantage of opportunities to work with C-suite level mentors and executive coaches who are committed to help me grow and develop both personally and professionally."

Shannon Seidel, MBA
Director, Project Management
Enterprise Services & Systems
Prudential
Over the course of the year, participants can anticipate 10 leadership development events which are supplemented by group mentoring and individual coaching sessions, round table meetings with senior leaders, attendance at FWA events, and, of course, implementing their development plan on the job. An Advisory Board of FWA Board and Leadership Council members oversees the strategic direction and implementation of the Pacesetter Program.

**Executive Coaches**

Executive Coach Leader: Marian Oláh

Barbara Abadi
Meymona Abdi
Ellen Auster
Gerri Bostick
Angela E. Durham
Godfrey Fandialan

Elizabeth Gambino
Jane Maloney
Irina Nedelchev
Marian Oláh
Michael Palumbo
Laura Teich

**FWA Mentors**

Group Mentor Leader: Amy Hertenstein

Maureen Adolf
Ellen Auster
Cristina Givlechian
Diane Herman
Kristin Lkataif
Anna Pinedo
Annette Stewart

The Pacesetters met their Mentors at SMBC and their Executive Coaches at MUFG.

Through individual Executive Coaching and Group Mentoring sessions, Pacesetters benefit from the experience, knowledge, and guidance of dynamic leaders from the world’s finest financial services and insurance companies, as well as leaders from other industries.
The Pacesetter Nomination Process

Each President’s Circle Company is eligible to nominate two Pacesetters every fiscal year. An ideal Pacesetter candidate is one with 7-10 years of professional experience, a track record of increased responsibility and advancement, involvement in the company’s women’s leadership initiatives and/or other significant community involvement activities, and a passionate desire to grow as a next generation leader. Pacesetters are expected to participate fully in program events. For more information or to obtain a nomination form contact

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About the FWA

With a rich history since 1956, over 800 members and numerous corporate, government, and academic allies, FWA is ideally positioned to address the challenges facing women today and help realize a world in which they have equitable representation and recognition across all levels of the financial community.

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