

SUMMIT

Career Ally and Mentee Profiles

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Meaningful Mentorship

Mishaal has a strong interest in diplomacy and foreign policy. We are both international relations majors and were even taught by some of the same wonderful professors, including Cathy Scott, professor of political science. As Mishaal kicked off her senior year, I was able to help her think through course selection and extracurricular activities. She also was considering law school or graduate school. As someone who obtained a master's degree in international affairs and served as a U.S. diplomat in China and Canada, I was able to give Mishaal feedback and advice on the variety of career paths that she was considering based on her own passions. Leveraging the Agnes Scott network, I also connected Mishaal to an alumna, Sarah Ford '05, who chairs the World Affairs Council of Atlanta's Young Leaders Program. Mishaal obtained an internship with the council, which I am incredibly proud of her for doing. Our pairing as mentor and mentee could not have been a more perfect match.

Guiding to Success

When Mishaal and I first met, she immediately impressed me. She is a bright, highly motivated and determined young woman with a passion for making an impact in the global arena. Through our conversations, I could tell that she had put serious thought into what she was passionate about but that she was looking for guidance on how to pursue those passions, how to get the most out of her experience at Agnes Scott and how to set herself up for success after graduation. As her career ally, it was my job to be a sounding board for her as well as to encourage her, give her advice and use my experiences to help her in her own personal journey.

Developing the Next Generation of Leaders

If there is one thing that I know to be true about Agnes Scott, it is that our college represents a strong sisterhood of capable, fierce and inspiring women. And I have been reminded of that throughout my participation as a career ally in the 1:1 mentoring program. As much as mentees are excited to be paired with a mentor, mentors are equally excited to develop a relationship with a current student and to connect with Agnes Scott on another level. Being able to give back to my alma mater in a way that helps to develop the next generation of Agnes Scott leaders is something that has been truly fulfilling. I definitely encourage other alumnae to leverage their professional experience, diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in service of the college by becoming a mentor.



Mishaal Khan '17

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Connecting With My Career Ally

The most valuable part of my mentoring experience was the mutual agreement and connection I had with Ashley. At the first meeting, after we got to know each other and discussed each other's schedules and communication methods and platforms, everything was smooth sailing. Initially, it also helped that I was completely open about what I was thinking, feeling and planning on doing after graduation, because although it was a jumble inside my head, speaking to Ashley about it allowed me to get advice from someone who has remarkable expertise in the exact career path I want to follow. We just established a comfortable yet professional relationship, which I feel balanced really well with both our schedules and commitments.

The World of Being an Intern

I began my internship with the World Affairs Council in January 2017, and it has been wonderful! What I enjoy most about it is the opportunity to plan and organize programs that help you learn about many different world affairs issues and also give you the opportunity to network and engage with so many young leaders and working professionals in an array of different fields. Program preparation takes a lot of planning and teamwork, and I appreciate how my colleagues and supervisors encourage everyone to take on different roles and get a chance to experience different departments, whether programming, administrative, outreach or membership.

Valuing the SUMMIT Career Mentor Program

The mentoring program really helps put your post-Agnes Scott vision into perspective. You have the expertise of someone who has gone through all the hurdles that you may be going through or have not even reached yet, but you are still in the position to make changes or grab opportunities. You also feel more in control of your future when you know that there is a whole support network rallying for your success and interested in improving your future.

My Five-Year Plan

After graduation, I plan to move back to Pakistan, where I will prepare to take an exam to enter the Foreign Service, as my ultimate career goal is to be a diplomat. In addition, I plan to start up a nonprofit for children in education and open various small-business ventures. I am definitely not done with academia, so I eventually plan to pursue master's degrees in international diplomacy, international law and the politics of international security.

