



AADC Mabel's Alumnae Mentoring Program, February 2017 Pair Profiles

Mentee Profile -- Donalene Roberts

Donalene Roberts '16 learned the value of mentors through serving as the Barbara Voorhees Mentor, and chose to participate in the AADC Mabel's Alumnae Mentoring Program because it provides a common starting ground and the backing of a strong sisterhood. As she says, "Women who attended alma mater are known to be successful despite any challenges that may arise." Donalene has been happy to be paired with Yesenia Perez '12, a mentor who is incredibly supportive, brings a wealth of recent experience in different legal sectors and understands the pressures of law school. Perhaps more important, she found a mentor who shares her drive to refuse to take "no" for an answer and find a way to succeed. Donalene's biggest surprise has been that she and her mentor "gel perfectly."

Mentor Profile -- Yesenia Perez

Yesenia Perez '12 has been practicing law for a year; she chose to become a mentor because she has benefitted from amazing mentors and wants to give back. She feels the AADC Mabel's Alumnae Mentoring Program recognizes the loyalty mentors and mentees share for our alumnae and alma mater. She notes that the program offers a personal touch in matching mentors and mentees, since AADC staff and volunteers know many of the participants and consider what each can offer. Yesenia's mentee, Donalene Roberts '16, is a first-year law student who shares her "go-getter" personality. Yesenia can relate to the pressures of law school and effectively mentor Donalene through her journey as she determines passions and career goals. In addition to scheduled meetings, they use text messaging to provide support for big events, like the time her mentee was called on in class for the first time. Yesenia's biggest surprise was that they share so many interests and experiences.