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Last summer, I found myself in a position that no 26-year-old ever hopes to find herself; I was at a dead-end job working in administration, and I was unsure of what I wanted to do or where to go in my career. I felt very anxious to improve my career prospects, but knew that it would take more than just perusing the job boards and updating my LinkedIn page.

Knowing that alma mater was an extremely instrumental tool for my professional development as a student, I was curious about the resources they provided for alumnae. To my absolute delight, I discovered the AADC Mabel's Alumnae Mentoring Program, and I could not be more emphatic about how much it helped me during this time. Kristin Long '78, who in my eyes is an absolute superwoman, not only gave me incredible advice about job searching and networking, but also encouraged me and gave me the confidence to push forward towards finding something better for myself. I still cannot believe Kristin's generosity and unwavering support; we spent hours on the phone, writing emails back and forth about progress I was making, even meeting for brunch on one of her rare Saturdays off!

Sure enough, I just landed a job that was tons of opportunities for growth and advancement, in a really exciting environment. I know for a fact that if it weren't for Kristin's reassurance and reinforcement, I would be in a very different position today. I definitely recommend all sister alumnae to take advantage of this awesome program. For me, having a mentor made the difference between going through the normal (and frustrating) channels of job-searching, and finding strategic methods of networking and career prospecting. Most of all, my mentor was someone who had been there and knew exactly what I was going through, and knew that with hard work there IS a light at the end of the tunnel!

Thank you to the AADC and Kristin for all their hard work in putting together this amazing program and their encouragement!