

Women in Business Networking



Interview with Christine Vaughan

Clark Schaefer Hackett



WiBN: What is your position at Clark, Schaefer, Hackett?

CHRISTINE: Senior Tax Accountant

WiBN: How long have you been with Clark, Schaefer, Hackett?

CHRISTINE: 4.5 years (1st year as a part-time intern)

WiBN: What are some of your personal skills that have helped you become who you are today?

CHRISTINE: I think I will just go with a list on this one – respectful, trustworthy, detail oriented, timely, intelligent, attentive, and kind.

WiBN: At any time during your life have you had a mentor?

CHRISTINE: For the past couple years, I have had a mentor here at work – Brittany Lawrence. None outside of work.

WiBN: In your opinion, how can, or how does, networking benefit women in business?

CHRISTINE: Networking allows women to interact and become familiar with other women who are in the business industry. Once the familiarity is established, it is much easier to be able to create mutually beneficial business relationships that will last.

WiBN: What has been the greatest challenge in your position at Clark, Schaefer, Hackett? Most rewarding?

CHRISTINE: The biggest challenge was the transition from college to the working environment. No matter how much college attempts to get you ready for the real world, it doesn't. It took me a long time to get over my embarrassment to ask for help. The most rewarding is as simple as looking at the work I do now and the knowledge I've learned compared with my first couple years on the job. It empowers me to see my progress and success.

WiBN: How do you use Social Media in your personal life? In your career?

CHRISTINE: In my personal life, I only use Facebook. For work, I use Linked In. Other than those two, the rest of the social media is pretty lost on me.

WiBN: What inspires you the most?

CHRISTINE: My mom inspires me the most. She didn't go to college and my dad passed away when I was very young. Seeing her struggle has made me want to make the most out of my talents. Also, she is the single person who is most proud of my accomplishments.

WiBN: Share with us how you balance your work life and family life?

CHRISTINE: During busy season this is an extremely hard task and my husband and I don't even have kids yet! One thing that keeps me sane is doing absolutely no work on Sundays (although that may mean working more hours during the week). Other than this, I truthfully have not mastered this issue.

WiBN: What is the favorite thing to do in "taking care of you"?

CHRISTINE: My favorite thing to do is to get a pedicure but I honestly don't stop and take the time to get them on a regular basis.

WiBN: How did you hear about WiBN?

CHRISTINE: I started attending WiBN near the very beginning of the organization's start. I found out through a email from the client relations coordinator in my office. I'm not sure how she learned of the group though.

WiBN: Tell us a little about your education and experience?

CHRISTINE: I earned both a Bachelor's degree and a Masters of Accountancy degree from Wright State University. The only work experience in my field has been with Clark Schaefer Hackett. At CSH, I work on the tax planning and compliance side with small to mid-sized, closely held organizations. I also work on individuals, trusts and estates.

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