

Women in Business Networking



Interview with Stephanie Jergens, Clark Schaefer Hackett



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

STEPHANIE: Tax Senior

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

STEPHANIE: 2 years

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

STEPHANIE: I am independent and have learned that if I want to achieve something, it is up to me to realize it.

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

STEPHANIE: Yes, Ginny Barker and Maggie Houston have both mentored me in becoming a professional woman and remaining true to myself along the way.

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

STEPHANIE: Networking with other women is beneficial since men and women interact and perceive situations differently. It is good for young women to learn from successful businesswomen how to navigate the workplace as a woman.

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

STEPHANIE: Due to the unique public accounting environment, the greatest challenge in my position has been developing a technique to manage the tasks on my plate. The most rewarding aspect of my work is the appreciation clients have when I can help solve a problem that seemed overwhelming.

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

STEPHANIE: I use Facebook to keep in touch with family and friends and use LinkedIn to manage professional contacts.

WiBN: *What inspires you the most?*

STEPHANIE: I am inspired by fearless individuals who are willing to take risks to achieve their goals.

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

STEPHANIE: During tax season, I reserve Sunday for family time.

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

STEPHANIE: I am an unlimited member and Zumba student at The Studio Fitness in Vandalia.

WiBN: *How did you hear about WiBN?*

STEPHANIE: When I joined Clark, Schaefer, Hackett, Christine Vaughan asked me to attend with her.

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

STEPHANIE: I am a CPA, have a Masters in Accountancy, and have worked in public accounting for 2 years.

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