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Inspiring Women Business Leaders.

Whatever career stage, whatever industry – Forté Foundation gives you the information, scholarship support and networking opportunities you need to get connected and get ahead.



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Insights and opinions from the women who are paving the way.



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University of Southern California graduate, Class of 2007

Me, My Passions and My Career: How to make it all work

A recent USC grad shares her career advice for current college students.

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Get inspired! If these women can do it, so can you.



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Pursue Your Dreams

Whether you're a student or seasoned professional, Forté Foundation has exactly what you need to succeed. Find a mentor, network with your peers and learn about advancing your career. It's all right here. And thanks to our dedicated sponsors, it's all free.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Joining Forté is an immediate way to get connected—and get ahead. We're a growing community of women, ready to share ideas about the workplace, professional development and work/life balance. Best of all, you can:

- Interact with women with similar interests and concerns
- Learn from top women business leaders
- Motivate the next generation of women in business

Forté offers a wide range of research, scholarships, networking and mentoring opportunities. Key benefits include:

- **"News for Success" newsletter:** A quarterly newsletter that's your resource for career and educational inspiration, practical advice and networking opportunities. [See our past issues](#)
- **Forté events:** Designed as forums for education and networking, our in-person events cover concrete topics such as how to evaluate business schools, change careers with an MBA or finance the MBA. [Find out more](#)
- **Online events and podcasts:** For a more convenient way to get inspired, we offer podcasts, online chats and webinars on the Forté website. [Find out more](#)
- **Forté Fellows scholarship program:** Financial assistance to defray the increasing cost of an MBA. You also get an immediate network of peers that extends beyond your business school, as well as access to Forté mentors and corporate sponsors.

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To get truly inspired by the potential for women in business, look no farther than our website - the hub for great women with great ideas. Highlights include:

- **Our Career Center:** Exclusive feature articles and columns written by and about women who are paving the way. You can also get the latest news about women who are launching successful careers around the world.

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- **Women of Leadership Profiles:** In-depth profiles of how women are succeeding at every level.

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- **Getting Your MBA:** Insights on making the decision pursue an MBA.

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JOIN US NOW

Why wait to get connected to this powerful community? Membership is free, and the benefits are immediate. [Sign up now!](#)

"Although I had wanted an MBA for awhile, the Forté website is what made me finally apply. The articles helped to alleviate my concerns, and I was inspired by the success stories of women like me."

— Frances Nahas, UNC, class of 2007

"This is a great vehicle for helping young people who want to get involved in business—to give them the same kind of support that I had during the process."

—Kathleen, MBA alumna

- **Work-Life Balance:** Strategies for taking your career to the next level without sacrificing your family life.

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How to Get Involved with Forté

Get Involved, Get Inspired

You can make a difference, and Forté can help! Join Forté Foundation, and be part of a powerful community of women. We have many ways for you to get involved, get connected and get ahead.

Join the Forté network

With your help, women can revolutionize the workplace. Join the Forté network to interact with women who share your goals and aspirations. Whether you're a college student or seasoned professional, you can:

- Network with peers to advance your career
- Find a mentor to learn real-world tips for success
- Motivate the next generation of women in business

This is the perfect time to be a part of something bigger than you. Give back to the community, and inspire women in their quest for success.

As a member, you'll also receive access to great events, online programs and other member benefits. And it's free!

Join Forté today

- **Join the Chicago Forté Chapter**
Build a network of local women who are interested in business through several networking events and forums per year. Create success in the workplace by sharing experiences with other women and find inspiring mentors. Website coming soon! For questions or more info please email chicagochapter@fortefoundation.org. [Click here to sign up](#) and check the "Chicago" box on the registration form.
- **Refer a friend**
Know someone thinking about an MBA or just looking to advance her career? Tell her about Forté! We're all about helping women take their lives to the next level.
[Spread the word.](#)
- **Be a mentor**
Do your part for women just starting out. By sharing your experiences, you can inspire women to succeed in their own careers.
[Sign up now.](#)
- **Volunteer**
Give the gift of your time, energy and commitment. As a volunteer, you can help maximize our outreach—and network with our sponsors.
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- **Make a donation**
Your charitable gift, when combined with the generosity of others, can make a difference in the future of women in business.
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Is diversity important to your organization? Show your commitment by becoming a Forté sponsor. Working together, we can do so much more.
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20,000 STRONG—AND
GROWING!

Over 20,000 women have already joined the Forté network. Learn how Forté can help you — and your career.

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New ways to connect & contribute:

- Forté blogs and discussion forums
- New mentoring programs
- Networking events in your local community

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Getting Your MBA: Overview

Transform Your Life

With an MBA degree, you get more than an opportunity to advance your career. You get the leadership skills to last a lifetime. Discover if getting an MBA is right for you.

Why get an MBA?

An MBA degree can open doors and present options you never knew existed. Today's MBA graduates are making a difference in extraordinarily diverse industries — from nonprofit management, higher education and healthcare to arts and entertainment, public service and the military.

By getting an MBA, you can:

- Increase your earning potential
- Advance within your current industry
- Change your career
- Gain a network of peers, faculty and alumni
- Make an impact in your community

Whether you're interested in personal or professional fulfillment, an MBA degree can be the answer. Challenge yourself, and see the rewards ripple throughout your life.

IS AN MBA RIGHT FOR YOU?

Before you invest the time and money, make sure an MBA fits your career goals.

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CHOOSING A BUSINESS SCHOOL

The reputation of your MBA program matters. Find out how to select the right school for you.

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PAYING FOR BUSINESS SCHOOL

Finance your MBA through scholarships, private grants or personal loans.

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Get the inside scoop on the value of an MBA, school rankings and employment trends.

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Find tips for applying to business school, getting a job, and everything in between.

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“When I started the MBA program, I wanted to have those three letters behind my name. Now it's about having a mindset and tools that no one can take away from me.”

—MBA Graduate

PODCAST: THE MBA VALUE PROPOSITION

Listen to speakers from top MBA programs and leading companies discuss the value of an MBA

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REAL WOMEN. REAL STORIES.

MBA women talk about their decisions to take that next step and the difference it's made in their personal and professional lives.

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WHY EARN AN MBA?

Still undecided? Well, get off the fence — there are few investments that pay off in more ways than an MBA.

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