



EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN'S COACHING

The Tiara Spotlight

Shining our light on inspiring women around the world.



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What are you passionate about? Who are you?

I have fabulous relationships with every member in my 18-member family, with many friends, some who have been in my life since the seventh grade, and with many colleagues that I work with across the world. My life is marked by great experiences and happiness. Although I have dated some great men, I have been told with confidence that the “one” simply has not entered my life...yet.

My passion focuses on those around me to succeed. I take the time to help anyone who asks for support with an assignment or challenge. I listen carefully and offer words to work through the situation. I am well read and stay current with newsworthy events. My creativity thrives in my job (marketing director for a large consulting firm). I am friendly, energetic, attractive and good-natured. I travel often and have been fortunate to visit nearly every state and many countries. My workouts consist of muscle conditioning classes, yoga, spinning and swimming. I golf and have raced sailboats since I was seven. I care about the food I eat and really enjoy cooking.

I grew up in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. I have also lived in Rome, France, Quebec, Cincinnati, Boston, Chicago and now Abu Dhabi. Living in different cities has given me a broad perspective of cultures and ways of living.

My dad taught us how to do home improvement projects. Although I haven't moved walls like my brothers, I can paint, perform basic plumbing and electrical work, and climb tall ladders. And, yes, my dad taught us how to hang dry wall. Hope I don't have to do that again. We have done a ton of yard work and our gardens are wonderful because of it.

What are you doing in your life right now?

Loving it. I have taken a leap of faith and moved to Abu Dhabi. AECOM, a Fortune 500 company serving 140 countries with revenues of 8.2 billion, has asked that I lead our marketing and communication efforts for the Middle East region. As a member of the Middle East senior leadership team, I am responsible for collaborating with business development and operations executives to position and positively affect top line growth in industries such as transportation, water, architecture and sports to name a few.

What are your biggest take-aways resulting from your Tiara programs?

Shaping environments and advancing ideas. Much of what I know about myself has been realized with the interaction of the Tiara team and its activities. Because I have a tremendous amount of respect for the Tiara team, I strongly believe that my learnings are more powerful and

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influential as a result. My participation in the True Leadership Experience program in Jordan was not only a fabulous time, it gave me great confidence to move to the Middle East and explore it with interest and curiosity. Why? Because I was surrounded by inspiration, fabulous women and learned about the power source: me.

How do you recharge your batteries or nourish yourself?

Sleep. I wake up every morning rejuvenated and ready to take on the day. I'm really not kidding; it works every time. Honestly, talking to family and friends tops the list, especially with my twin sister, Terri.

What would you like to acknowledge yourself for?

Bringing joy and adding humor.

What are you grateful for?

The power of "The Ask." Every major move in my life is a result of being asked to do something. My friend, Sarah, asked that I go to school in Quebec and learn French, so now I can converse in a second language. My friend, Pam, asked that I become a lifeguard and it has become the foundation of that training and facilitation techniques I use today. My friend, Betsy, asked that I travel with her and now I have spent a weekend in an RV, lived in an apartment near Moulin Rouge and spent 3 days on a camel in the Wadi Rum desert. An AECOM Executive, Vahid, asked me to move to Abu Dhabi and well, here I am.

As a woman leader what are your unique strengths that help you succeed?

It was once quoted, "In the male-dominated sea of transportation engineering, Maggie Walsh is a rare creature – young and female, with a non-technical academic degree. A real spitfire with boundless energy, Maggie routinely wrangles large groups of highly specialized engineers, architects, and urban planners to bring about consensus and land mega projects that boost AECOM's profile." Honestly, personal encouragement of every team member to do the right things right seems to be a winning formula.

What inspires you?

People.

What's next? What are you committed to?

What's next? Yikes, I just got to the Middle East.