



EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN'S COACHING

The Tiara Spotlight

Shining our light on inspiring women around the world.



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Since 1898, the University of Chicago Booth School of Business has produced ideas and leaders that shape the world of business.

Who are you?

I am the real deal. (A longtime personal mantra created with Tiara Leader, Betsy Sobiech.)

What are you passionate about?

Empowering social impact and engagement with the social sector.

What are you doing (up to) in your life right now?

I started a new job in March as the Director of the Social Enterprise Initiative, a research and learning center at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. So right now I'm shaping and launching a new venture. I'm also getting ready for the birth of our first child at the end of August.

What is your strongest calling?

Making things happen. I'm compelled. I can't help it.

How do you nourish yourself?

One of the biggest things I do for myself is let myself change my mind. For example, I'll let myself reschedule a meeting so I don't feel so rushed on an afternoon, or I'll decide not to make dinner after all, even if I thawed out the chicken. It can be powerful to just decide in the moment that what you thought yesterday, last week, or even last year was a good idea, isn't going to work today in this moment.

What is the most important take-away you've had as a result of participating in Tiara?

It is hard to pick just one, as I learned so much about myself. The one that comes to mind is to operate from a place of "I am where I am." That is, to be present and accepting of the now, without trying to fix it in the moment. And then to take inspired actions toward my desires/goals.

What would you like to acknowledge yourself for?

I have been really fortunate to find a really amazing new job as of March this year. Though I'm not sure I could have articulated it before the opportunity came my way, this is turning out to be a dream job. And, when I took the job, I was 4 months pregnant. A lot of people I asked said to stay at my old job, and advised that getting a new job while pregnant was going to be difficult. I'm glad I ignored that advice, and I want to acknowledge myself for that!



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What are you grateful for?

In this very moment, the summer and beautiful weather!

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

I read a quote ages ago that said "Have a can do attitude and a smart plan," and I pretty much live by this as a leader.

What inspires you?

The energy of the students I work with, and their aspirations for changing the world. Also my growing belly. Amazing what the body can do!

What's next? What are you committed to?

Right now I'm committed to setting up a plan for while I'm away on maternity leave, having a positive birth no matter how it goes, and being compassionate with myself in motherhood. As for what's next, your guess is as good as mine!