

## **The Mentoring Speed Match is coming February 12, 2009!**

**What:** Mentoring Speed Match (think speed dating)  
**When:** Thursday, February 12, at 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Room 131, Tate Center for Entrepreneurship  
5 Liberty Street, College of Charleston  
**Who:** CWIT members and College of Charleston business students  
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Charleston Women in International Trade and Global Trade Initiatives at the College of Charleston are teaming once again to match CWIT members with the College's business students. CWIT members and College of Charleston students interested in participating are invited to attend. A full description of the program can be found on the CWIT website at: <http://www.cwitsc.org/mentor.asp>.

Mentoring provides students with access to professionals in various aspects of international trade and other areas of business, offering them career-related experiences and networking opportunities. CWIT mentors will benefit from the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences and further enhance their leadership, communication and coaching skills.

The event follows a speed match format. Mentee candidates talk with the potential mentors for three minutes and then move on to the next until they have spoken with each one. Then they list their top choices for mentor. The moderators sort through the results and match the mentees with the mentors.

The speed matches are getting the reputation of being fun, and the mentoring is invaluable to students and mentors alike. The first two rounds of mentoring yielded several excellent and ongoing matches. Take a look at some of the feedback:

### **From CWIT members –**

“I was very lucky . . . *{my mentee}* is great. Everything you would like in an employee - dresses nice, great manners, timely, takes notes, follows up and willing to accept new challenges/ tasks.”

“It has been a great experience.”

“My tepid feeling toward our up and coming workforce has changed dramatically . . . thank you for this wonderful program. More employers should get involved. These are the leaders of tomorrow and they are looking for direction. This was time well spent.”

### **From the College of Charleston students –**

“*{She}* was a great mentor, and I could not have asked for a better experience! She was so helpful and always took the time to answer all of my questions. Interning with her company was great insight into the shipping industry . . . I would highly recommend the mentor program to anyone interested in learning more about the business world first hand.”

“She opened a door for me and I'm glad I stepped through. Most jobs are found through networking and she definitely helped me a great deal through her resourcefulness.”

“She did share her experiences . . . she gave me a lot of pointers on my resume and other interview skills. She also gave me suggestions on possible jobs she thought would be a good fit for me. And she invited me to the CWIT meetings. I’m glad I was part of the mentoring event.”

Founded in 2001, CWIT is a non-profit professional organization dedicated toward enhancing the status of women employed in the field of international trade through promotion of professional growth, education, and social activities to benefit common goals. Visit [www.cwitsc.org](http://www.cwitsc.org).

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