

WeirFoulds Women, Girls e-Mentorship and First Generation Network partner for 3rd annual speed mentoring event

February 25, 2020

On Friday, February 14, 2020, WeirFoulds Women (WFW) hosted its third annual Enrichment Opportunity with <u>Girls e-Mentorship</u> (GEM), a Toronto-based charity that offers a year-long mentorship program to high school girls in Toronto who face various socio-economic barriers. GEM's program delivers, among other things, one-on-one mentorship, experiential workshops, enrichment opportunities, and scholarships, all of which are intended to develop skills and provide access to tools that are vital to participants' ongoing success as they pursue higher education, and, later, enter the workforce.

Spearheaded by associates Megan Mah and Kayla Theeuwen, this year's Enrichment Opportunity saw WFW and GEM join forces with the <u>First Generation Network</u> (FGN), a national non-profit organization aiming to reduce barriers law students face who are first in their family to complete post-secondary education.

The WeirFoulds x GEM x FGN collaboration involved a panel discussion and speed mentoring session, during which high school GEM girls and GEM alumna had an opportunity to engage with women in diverse roles at WeirFoulds, including lawyers, law students, human resource professionals and legal assistants, as well as members of FGN who are current law students.

A supporter of GEM since 2018, WeirFoulds provides an annual scholarship, presented in May. Megan and Kayla are members of GEM's Scholarship Committee.



GEM mentees and WeirFoulds and FGN mentors, 2020

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