



Hello 2019 Executive Development Students,

Welcome to a wonderful year of exploring, learning, and developing your “Executive” skills. This time next year, you will see your world quite differently. Once again, we have a full class so you will have many opportunities to hone your skills in ways you may not have imagined. In the meantime, here is some valuable information along with requests we need you to provide.

**January classes are on Tuesday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 9, 2018. All classes (including all forthcoming classes) will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and held at the:**

**Washington Athletic Club (WAC)  
1325 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101  
206-622-7900**

**A very special invitation to your mentors:**

**For the January 8 class, your mentor is invited to attend the lunch wherein an in-depth presentation will be given about the mentor/mentee role, a critical component to the learning process for the year. We are fortunate to have Joe Zavaglia as our program advisor again this year and he will conduct this presentation. Please let us know by December 21, 2018 if your mentor will be able to attend this luncheon which will be held at the WAC.**

**Hotel Reservations:**

If you are traveling and need to book hotel accommodations, we recommend you make them for the entire year as Seattle hotels do fill up quickly. Your first choice would be the WAC due to our discounted rate with them. The WAC has a gym and lovely accommodations which put you right where your class will be held. I highly encourage you to stay there. You simply call and advise you are a WBA EDP student and they will provide you with our room block rate. Additionally, we have a rate with the Mayflower Hotel (405 Olive Way, Seattle, WA 98101, phone: 206-623-8700). Again, simply advise them you are attending a WBA event and they will give you our rate. This hotel is about six blocks from the WAC. I encourage you to get approval for staying overnight even if you are just a couple of hours away. History has shown that it makes for a very long day if you start driving at 5am. Staying over will help you wake rested and ready to learn.

**Airport to Downtown:**

We recommend you factor in enough time to take the Link Light Rail from the airport to downtown Seattle. It takes approximately 35-40 minutes and costs only \$3.00 one way. It drops you off at the University Street Station, two blocks from the WAC. If you prefer not to take the Link I suggest you consider a Lyft or Uber. This is a bit less expensive than a cab, which is around \$40-\$50 one way.

**Parking:**

The WAC does provide valet and self-parking at approximately \$28.00 per day. If you’re willing to walk a couple of blocks you can park at the Washington State Convention Center for \$19.00 for 12 hours. You can go online and check out other sources that are nearby as well.

**Remaining class dates are:**

February 6, 2019

March 6, 2019

April 17, 2019

May 8, 2019

June 5, 2019

July 17, 2019

August 7, 2019

September 4, 2019

October 9, 2019

November 13, 2019

Please visit our [website](#) to log on for your homework, materials, and information you are looking for.

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Best of luck on the journey you are about to embark on.