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Angela Zisa, Co-Director Networking

It's easy to know a go-getter when you see a room packed full of potential. One of the first memories for Angela Zisa, GWWIB Co-Director of Networking for GWWIB's Spring Conference, was listening to former President Sam Bosin speak at the first General Body Meeting last year. "Looking at everyone and seeing how professional they were made me wonder if I even belonged in the business school," Angela reflects, "The GWWIB Women doing amazing things and having a sense of sophistication made it seem like they had it all set, which was nerve wracking." Angela now realizes that being a role model is helping others see where she is now and how she got there.

At GWWIB, Angela wants to increase sponsorships to make connections with companies who can further their involvement in Spring Conference and GWWIB in the future. She explains, "It's important to ask for a donation, not because we want it, but because we want the company to be part of our organization. We have to show our passion when reaching out to sponsors so they can see that they are going to be a part of something so much bigger than a college organization. We want them to see that with their help, GWWIB could change the world."

Angela has an impressive track record in working with other groups to achieve big results. She was awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award in working with Operation Goody Bag. She explains how passion contributes to success, "After 9/11, my whole family got involved to help the community get through this difficult time. My brother was in middle school at the time, and I was the little sister who would just draw on the goody bags to send to first responders. But soon enough, the organization became bigger and bigger."

Angela's family is involved with philanthropy and helping veterans, which is where her passion started. Angela's grandfather was in the military and fought in World War II. "Knowing that he was a part of that makes a big difference," she elaborates. "The military sacrifices so much for us, and it can go unnoticed. With Operation Goody Bag, I get to be the person who says thank you and brings awareness to the military who makes us feel safe."

Being dedicated to a cause drives Angela. "One person can reach so many people. Everyone dreams of making a difference. I can truly enjoy and make a difference which makes me want to keep doing." Angela admires Oprah who is successful at what she does while branching out to always help people. Angela's leadership style is modeling the way and being

the role model for individuals, because her passion to make things happen has proven her dedication to making her community back home or at GW thrive.

In talking about what motivates Angela, she explains, “The people who motivate me are the ones who don’t know what they are doing. I remember being a freshman and not knowing what’s going on. Being passionate about one thing keeps me going. Values connect me to what I am doing. It is much more than doing a job.”

With GWWIB, Angela is self-driven to know that she wants to do it. Angela admits she is a lot like her mom who believes that there are many things that are important to you and not to let others put you down. Angela represents the go-getter mantra that it is the little things that add up to make a big difference for GWWIB and all that she puts her mind and heart to do.