

Spotlight on Jesica Anane

The 2023 recipient of the Gary Whitelaw Strength in Diversity Scholarship Award



What are some great work habits that you've instilled in your university life that you believe will set you up for success in your future career?

During my time at university, I've cultivated several work habits that I'm confident will serve as a strong foundation for my future career. Notably, teamwork and collaboration have been central to my development. Through group projects and extracurricular activities, I've honed the ability to work effectively within a team, embracing diverse perspectives and cultures and contributing to collective objectives. Accountability has been another key habit; it fosters a results-oriented perspective and underscores the importance of tracking progress over time. Additionally, adaptability, learned through navigating the diverse and challenging academic landscape, has prepared me to embrace change and adjust strategies when faced with new information or circumstances.

What interests you most about a career in the commercial real estate world?

What interests me most about the commercial real estate sector is the sector's profound impact on communities and the urban landscape. The ability for professionals within this sector to shape and enhance the built environment, whether through developing new spaces or revitalizing existing ones, offers a unique blend of creative and technical challenges. Moreover, the industry's diversity, encompassing various interconnected roles, allows for a dynamic career path where professionals can explore different niches that align with their interests and expertise.

What do you hope to get out of this opportunity with BGO?

I look forward to learning from BGO's wealth of knowledge, experience, and best practices for which the company is renowned for. I believe this will significantly shape my professional ethos and capabilities. Also, I am keen on connecting with the diverse talents and industry leaders within BGO. I believe that these relationships will be pivotal in providing guidance, fostering collaborations, and opening doors to new opportunities and insights. Lastly, I aim to being a part of BGO's innovative projects and initiatives, contributing my part (from knowledge gained and experiences garnered) towards a mutual success and the advancement of the commercial real estate industry.

What brings you personal happiness and satisfaction in life?

Personal happiness and satisfaction for me stem from three main sources. Overcoming challenges or solving problems gives me a profound sense of achievement. Seeing the tangible impact of my efforts, particularly when they meet or exceed the expectations of clients or beneficiaries, is incredibly rewarding. Lastly, the ability to effectively assist my family, friends, colleagues, and anyone in need not only fulfills a personal responsibility but also enriches my life with purpose and joy.