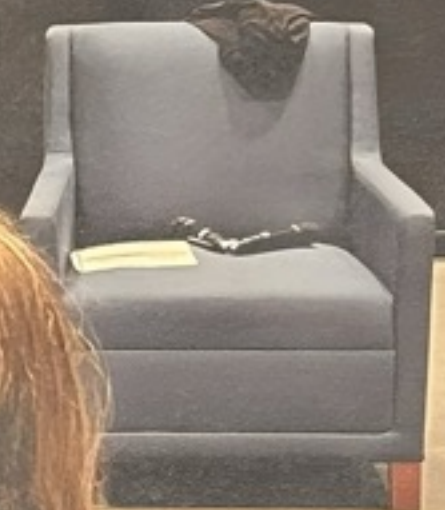


WHO RUN THE WORLD? NIGHTINGALE ALUMNAE INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION





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What advice would you share with Nightingale students who are intrigued by the world of entrepreneurship and/or starting their own company?

You are what you do, not what you say you'll do. There is no substitute for persistence and

hard work, and if you want to be an entrepreneur the life you want is built after-hours. It doesn't come to you/happen miraculously; no one is tapping on your shoulder saying "you're chosen." Look at what someone does in their after-hours (be it after school or work) and you can most likely predict what their life will look like in 10-20 years.

What did it mean to you to return to the Schoolhouse to speak with the VIIs and VIIIs? What do you hope they took away from the visit? For most people, especially teenagers, their fear in the unknown is often greater than their faith in themselves. As an entrepreneur, your faith in the unknown (and yourself) has to be greater than your fear, that's why I encourage everyone to embrace challenges and do one thing a day that scares them. By pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones, we can develop the confidence and resilience needed to pursue our goals and dreams. I hope I inspired each student to interpret this adage in a way that resonates with their unique aspirations and passions.