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#### Alumni Network News October 2009

Greetings Alumni! Join Mentium online on Twitter, experience two author roundtable events, and connect with your fellow Alumni.

#### And the Beat Goes On . . .

The Minneapolis/St. Paul 2009 Mentium 100 class just launched their partnerships on Wednesday, October 15th and there are more launches in the months to come.

Welcome and thank you to all of our new and returning mentors!

#### Do You Know a Potential Mentor?

Who in your personal or professional network is ready to give his or her time and expertise as a mentor? Do you know someone who wants to gain the pride and satisfaction of leaving a legacy?

Mentium is accepting applications for mentors and we want your help to identify qualified candidates.

[Refer a Mentor Today](#)

#### Calling All Alumni

Do you know a Mentium Alum that isn't a part of the Mentium Alumni Network? Have them contact us at [alumni@mentium.com](mailto:alumni@mentium.com) to get reconnected.

#### Contact Us

If you have a story or event you'd like to share with the Alumni Community, contact us at [alumni@mentium.com](mailto:alumni@mentium.com) to tell us more.

## Mentium Spotlights: Mentor Nadine O. Vogel

Mentium is proud to shine the spotlight on mentor, Nadine O. Vogel. Nadine has been a mentor with the Mentium 100 program for more than three years and is currently participating in a virtual mentoring relationship.

As an experienced mentor, Nadine knows the difference a person can make and she displays this dedication to positive change in her professional accomplishments. As the President and Founder of Springboard Consulting LLC., Nadine works with Corp America, the federal government, national non-profits and academia on appropriately supporting employees who either have a disability or who have a child or other dependent with special needs in the workplace. This segment of the population is now the largest minority market in the US. Fueling her passion for this work is the fact that Nadine is the mother of two daughters who have special needs.

Helping to spread the word about her work and the importance of including workers with disabilities into the idea of a "diverse" workplace, Nadine has recently published *Dive In: Springboard into the Profitability, Productivity, and Potential of the Special Needs Workforce* (Paramount Market Publishing, Inc.). The book is informed not only by Nadine's expertise, but by statistics, and interviews that illuminate the best practices of today's global business leaders. "*Dive In* provides the information and tools to better understand how to remove the barriers to employing this large, loyal segment of the population," says Cisco's John Chambers. The book, released September 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 (in time for Corporate America's October celebration of National Disability Awareness Month), has garnered praise from business and civic leaders, who call it "required reading", "a timely reminder" and "a must read for any corporate leader today."

For more information or to purchase: [Dive In: Springboard into the Profitability, Productivity, and Potential of the Special Needs Workforce](#)

For more information Nadine and Springboard Consulting LLC: <http://www.consultspringboard.com/>

### Alumni Book Club Event

**"Just Ask Leadership: Why Great Managers Always Ask the Right Questions"** by Gary Cohen. Mr. Cohen is a Minneapolis businessman and author, and his unique and refreshing "Just Ask" approach to leadership offers invaluable instruction to leaders and managers on how to inspire and motivate their teams. A purchase of JUST ASK LEADERSHIP comes with a free online Leadership Assessment.

#### Gary Cohen Event

**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2009

**Time:** 10:00 am - 11:00 am CT

**Dial-in #:** 1.888.447.7153, **Passcode:** 3626064

#### RSVP/Questions

RSVPs for events can be submitted online at [www.mentium.com](http://www.mentium.com) using your Event Calendar. If you have any questions or comments please email us at: [contactus@mentium.com](mailto:contactus@mentium.com)

### Business Education

#### UPCOMING EVENT:

**Through the Labyrinth: the Truth about How Women Become Leaders** with authors Alice Eagly and Linda Carli. Grounded in scientific research from multiple disciplines, the authors explore questions such as: "How far have women really come?", "Do stereotypes and prejudices still impact how women are regarded as leaders?"

#### Date:

October 21, 2009 7pm-8pm CT

#### Cost:

Complimentary attendance for all Mentium 100 alumni.

(\$45 value)

For more information or to RSVP for this event, log into [www.menttium.com](http://www.menttium.com) and view your Event Calendar.

## Recommended Events

**November 2-4, 2009 - San Francisco, CA**

**Women in Leadership Summit - Linkage**

The Women in Leadership Summit equips women leaders with the strategies and skills to catalyze change, accelerate development, gain visibility, and create sustainable operating results. Now in its 11th year, with over 6,000 alumni, the Women in Leadership Summit delivers strategies from best-in-class practitioners, opportunities for reflection and change, an unmatched networking community, and inspiration and renewal to help you to move forward in your personal career and further into the leadership of our organizations.

[More information.](#)

**November 9, 2009 - Denver, CO**

**November 16, 2009 - Des Moines, IA**

**Women in the Boardroom - Denver & Des Moines**

The event will educate and prepare women for board service. Our panelists are top-level executives with extensive board experience and a desire to share their knowledge and necessary tools for serving as a director. Topics include: being an effective board member; how to position yourself to get on a board; how to transition from serving on non-profit boards to for profit boards.

[More information.](#)

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## Ongoing Recommendations

Catalyst: [Schedule](#)

Human Capital Institute: [Schedule](#)



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