

Association of Government Accountants – Austin Chapter
Our Professional Journey by Evelyn Brown
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Luncheon Highlights:

A. Path to Success

1. Understand Yourself
 - a. Where do you want to go?
 - b. Who do you want to be?
 - c. What do you represent?
 - d. What tasks will help you accomplish your goals?
2. Tell Your Story
 - a. Biography – talk about your life
 - b. Resume – highlight your experiences
 - c. Curriculum Vitae – includes experience in higher detail
3. Avenues to Success
 - a. Education is the foundation of success.
 - b. Job rotation training
 - c. Professional certifications and licenses
 - d. Networking
4. External Feedback
 - a. Peer reviews are helpful.
 - b. Supervisory reviews are critical.
 - c. 5 benefits to having a Mentor:
 - 1) Respect
 - 2) Trust
 - 3) Partnership
 - 4) Defining realistic expectations
 - 5) Time
5. Extracurricular Activities
 - a. Speaking – like Toast Masters
 - b. Writing – like working on newsletters, internal memorandums
 - c. Serving on Committees and Boards
 - d. Community Service – like Habitat for Humanity
 - e. Mentoring
6. Ethics
 - a. AGA has an ethics board that can be used as a resource when making ethical decisions.