

Welcome to Mentorship Mondays

We hope that you enjoy the chance to hear from notable graduates, build your networks, and gather tips to take your career to the next level.

Women of UGA Mission

To foster a lifelong commitment to the University of Georgia, Women of UGA creates opportunities for personal and professional development, instills a spirit of giving, and invests in the future of the University, its students and its alumnae.

WOMEN OF UGA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Although the University of Georgia offers enrollment to students who are academically eligible, many of the most motivated, promising and gifted students cannot afford the cost of attendance. To fight this barrier, Women of UGA created the Women of UGA Scholarship Fund and recently endowed their second scholarship. They endowed a Georgia Commitment Scholarship in spring of 2019.



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Session Notes _____

What three nuggets of wisdom are you leaving with today?

How has mentorship played a role in your career journey?

What three specific actions, based on today's content, will you plan on utilizing in your own career journey?

MARIA TAYLOR (ABJ '09, MBA '13)



Maria Taylor joined ESPN as a college analyst & reporter in 2014. One of the network's most versatile commentators, Taylor was named a reporter for *College GameDay Built by Home Depot* and *ABC Saturday Night Football* in 2017. She added *NBA Countdown* hosting duties to her roster in 2019. She had previously served as the host of SEC Network's traveling pregame show *SEC Nation*, alongside analysts Tim Tebow, Marcus Spears and Paul Finebaum. Taylor's versatility is showcased on a variety of ESPN's shows and platforms, as she hosts *College Football Live*, *Big Monday* and NCAA Women's Final Four studio coverage, serves as a regular co-host on *Get Up*, and works as a sideline reporter on *Saturday Primetime* and marquee men's basketball games throughout the season. In addition, Taylor is an analyst on other SEC and ESPN telecasts, including volleyball and women's basketball. She is also a part of ESPN's NBA Draft coverage.

Prior to her role on *SEC Nation*, she served as a college football reporter on SEC Network with commentator Brent Musburger and Jesse Palmer. In 2013, she was the sideline reporter on ESPN2's weekly Saturday night primetime college football telecast in addition to the Orange Bowl, her second consecutive year covering the annual bowl game. Additionally, she has been an analyst on the *NCAA Women's Basketball Selection Show*, *NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Preview Show* and also ESPN's coverage of both the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament and Women's Volleyball National Championship for the previous two years.

Prior to 2012, Taylor was reporter and host for IMG College at the University of Georgia for three years. She also appeared on various studio shows including *Dawg Report*, *SEC Men's Basketball Tonight*, and *SportsNite*.

Taylor attended the University of Georgia where she played volleyball and basketball for the Bulldogs. She was named to the All-SEC volleyball team three times and was also a member of the USA A2 National Volleyball team. She graduated from Georgia in 2009 with a degree in broadcast news. She returned to the University to pursue her Master of Business Administration which she completed in May of 2013. She is a native of Alpharetta, Georgia.



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