My Journey: The Importance of Mentoring and Sponsorship

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Lessons Learned Thus Far

- Identify the help you need
- Know when you need mentoring, sponsorship or both
- Identify key people for different roles
  - Leverage your networks
- Computing community is great!
Thanks!