

# MEET OUR MENTORS



**ADA WAN** is a people and workforce operations leader at Google, where she has been an award-winning people manager and a manager of global programs that have impacted as many as 20K employees.

Prior to Google, her passion for social impact also led her to serve in AmeriCorps, venture philanthropy, legal aid and nonprofit consulting. As a professional, she has been involved with mentorship in both formal and informal contexts, and in order to help others grow at scale, she joined the board of TAP-SF in 2019 as professional development (PD) chair and inaugurated the PD theme of "building one another up as one community." She has a B.A. in psychology from Harvard and an MBA from the Yale School of Management.



**JASON GAO** is currently a senior associate on 3i Group's infrastructure private equity investment team, having graduated from New York University's Stern School of Business in 2015. His interest in mentorship started early on in college as part of his involvement in a professional development-focused student organization, where he benefited from the mentorship of numerous upperclassmen and peers. He later served as the chair of the club's mentoring committee before graduating and has been volunteering as an alumni mentor.

He has been a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City for over 2 years. His involvement with BBBS began shortly after his younger brother graduated from high school. After seeing him go through primary/secondary school and successfully go off to college, he thought that he might be helpful to other kids on a similar journey, and was drawn to the one-on-one mentorship pairings that BBBS offers.



**JENNY TAI** is in her mid-20's, working in the fast-paced world of sales/marketing at a ratings & reviews software company. She is excited to embark on her fifth year of living in this restless city and third year of mentoring her Little Sister, Shelby, through Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC.

She says, "It's been a rewarding two years, so far, of mutual growth and discovery. Shelby and I met right after she graduated elementary school and now she's entering 8th grade, getting ready to test into high school. Being part of her life at such a pivotal age has proved to be challenging yet fulfilling—pre-teens can be especially difficult to read at times! But all in all, it's truly an honor to be involved in such a wonderful program and I look forward to sharing my experiences (and learnings!) with you."



**JODIE YAN** is a senior manager in KPMG. Jodie moved from Ireland to New York in 2014 and joined the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of New York City mentoring program in 2015.

Jodie has been matched with her little sister since 2015 and has been a great encouragement to her little sister and has empowered her little sister to build her confidence. Throughout the 5 years, Jodie and her little sister built their mentoring relationship on respect, communication, trust, confidentiality and fun!



**KELLY ZHENG** is a Customer Success Manager of Strategic Accounts at Sisense where she manages the post-sales relationship for the purpose of building customer loyalty and satisfaction, consistent with customer retention and growth objectives.

Previously she was an Enterprise Customer Success Manager at Celonis where she managed 19 customers and was responsible for delivering the process mining solution onto her customer's corporate landscape and ensuring customer success using the technology. Prior to Celonis, she was an experienced consultant at Deloitte where she serviced a wide range of clients from various industries mainly in the NYC area. She is also currently the Vice President of Student Affairs for Ascend- Pan Asian Leaders, New York Metro Professional Chapter where she oversees eight student chapters in NYC.

For the past 9 years through her involvement with Ascend and other organizations, Kelly has been a strong advocate of breaking the bamboo ceiling. She frequently speaks at many universities, conventions, corporate events, and professional gatherings around the country, sharing her experiences and advice as a young, Asian woman defying the societal norms of her demographic. She's given two TEDx Talks on her personal experience dealing with labels put on her for how she looked and the impact of micro-influencing on digital marketing.

Kelly lives by her favorite quote by Epictetus, "You have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak."