A word from the CBWN President:

As we close on another year of changes and uncertainty, accompanied by a roller coaster of emotions, I can personally admit the current situation is not one I was expecting. I thought by this point there would be more predictability—something in which a self-proclaimed planner such as myself would rejoice. Through all the twists and turns, I learned that a different mindset is required in lieu of my constant "trying-to-get-ahead-of-it-all" approach. For me, the words of Gilda Radner sum it up perfectly.

“\textit{I wanted a perfect ending. Now I’ve learned, the hard way, that some poems don’t rhyme, and some stories don’t have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next. Delicious Ambiguity.”} —Gilda Radner

In the face of "Delicious Ambiguity," I am inspired by the resilience I have seen in people everywhere. Some seeking solutions have found new paths or turned in new directions. Others have reprioritized and focused on what truly matters to them and gives them joy. Equally, some have given—lending an ear, offering advice, and helping make connections. I have seen this all within our very own network of amazingly talented and generous Chicago Booth women, realizing the unique value of a group like ours that perseveres through constantly changing times.

In 2022, as Chicago Booth Women’s Network (CBWN) celebrates its 20th birthday, I am proud of the role CBWN has played in empowering women to give and receive over the past two decades. And as we strive to continue expanding our reach and impact going forward into 2022, I am looking forward to helping our members navigate and thrive through the "delicious ambiguity” ahead.

Happy new year CBWN members!

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