

CONNECT, INSPIRE, AND LEAD



Who She Is – [Maedeh Ravan](#), Customer Success Manager for In flight Operations at OpenAirlines. She was the first (2021) IAWA Scholarship Recipient from our partnership with [École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile \(ENAC\)](#) in Toulouse, France where she earned her Masters of Science in Aviation/Airway Management. She is originally from Iran where she earned her Bachelors Degree in Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical Engineering. At the 2022 IAWA Annual Conference in Lisbon, she joined fellow IAWA Scholarship recipients Divya Kamanian, Mary E. Smith, and Nadine

Duursma on a panel that highlighted what the next generation of leaders in the aviation industry are experiencing so that we can better collaborate Among her many languages, she speaks Persian, English, and is currently learning French.

[Why You Should Listen to Her](#) – Maedeh exemplifies what courage, connection, curiosity, collaboration, and confidence mean. Growing up in a country where other countries limit their interaction that could deter one from pursuing their goals, she found ways to identify obstacles and treat them as opportunities from which she could grow. She pursued her vision of becoming a member of the global aviation industry and traveled to France to extend her education and realize her career goals. She believes that the meaning of life is focused on being dynamic – constant growth through learning – rather than being static and resting on one's achievements.

In our podcast, we speak about how in order to realize a vision, you need to believe in it first and make connections with those who believe in you in order to realize your vision as well as the importance of challenging your beliefs in order to grow. She speaks about how her family supported her by giving words to those actions that crystallized her vision and how IAWA continues to provide her with the additional runway to realize it, including facing her fears. She speaks about how her confidence has grown since becoming an IAWA Member and it reshaped her vision for who she could become and how she can make an impact on others through the leadership opportunities that she now realizes that she can achieve. We further speak about how in order to create diversity within the aviation industry, we must look at the potential that one possesses that is not based solely upon academic skills as grit, determination, and integrity are also invaluable.

How You Can Apply Her Wisdom To Your Career – A few of the take-aways to contemplate:

- How are you facing your fears and expanding your mindset?
- What can you do to support others' visions of realizing their goals?
- How are you identifying and fostering the potential in those around you?
- What can you do to remain dynamic in your daily activities?

