



Pathways to Supply Chain

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QSCC is a founding co-sponsor of the Pathways to Supply Chain program and the Scholars had a meaningful visit and opportunity to learn from the QSCC Supply Chain professionals.

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QSCC



Scholars engaged in round-table discussions with QSCC supply chain professionals, where they had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about each professional's role and responsibilities.

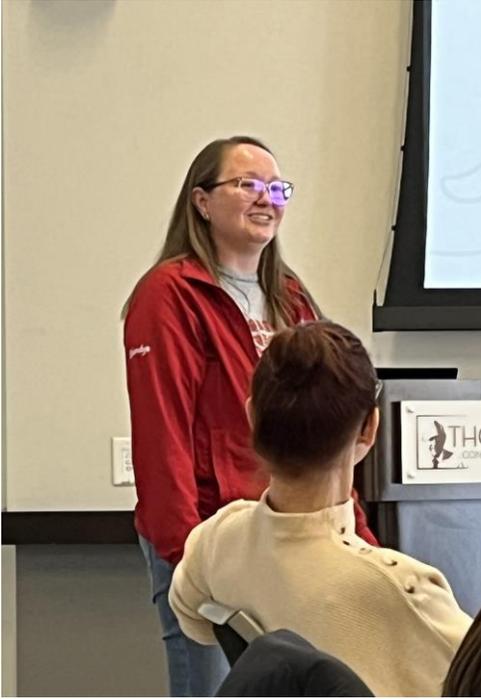


(Left) Chris Keller, Project Management Coordinator, and Ericka Ponte, VP of Distribution & Logistics, shared their roles in the supply chain process.

(Right) Samantha Johnston, VP of People Excellence, explained to the group the organization, its customers, and the various departments that make up the Co-op.



QSCC



Lauren Bezanson, Executive Admin & Office Coordinator(left) & Evelyn Fowler, Specialist-Communications & Events (right), shared the complexities of internal and external communication to support the supply chain team.

(Below) Chris Bowden and Trevor Smith, Procurement Managers; Colleen Cunningham, Indirect Procurement Manager; and Kendall Cherry, Procurement Coordinator, shared their individual daily duties and the complexity of their responsibilities in QSCC.



Meijer



On February 20, Pathways Scholars enjoyed meeting Shawna Hogle, SHRM-SCP Human Resource Manager from the Meijer Tipp City Distribution Center.

About Meijer

Meijer is a privately owned, family-operated retailer that serves customers at more than 500 supercenters, grocery stores, neighborhood markets, and express locations throughout the Midwest. Founded in 1934, Meijer is the pioneer of the one-stop shopping concept. More than 70,000 Meijer team members work hard every day to deliver a friendly, seamless in-store and online shopping experience featuring an assortment of fresh foods, high-quality apparel, household essentials, and health and wellness products and services. Meijer is consistently recognized as a Great Place to Work and annually donates at least 6 percent of its profit to strengthen its communities.

Additional information on the company can be found by visiting newsroom.meijer.com

Meijer



Shawna Hogle shared the history of Meijer and its evolution of a “Super Center”. She explained the company overview of facilities and the connectivity for a robust supply chain program along with the uniqueness and many challenges of a multi-temp supply chain system.

Shawna shares her passion for the “community centric” approach of Meijer and their goal to support and enrich the communities in which they operate in.



Meijer



Shawna explained her responsibilities as a Supply Chain Human Resource Professional. She shared real world interview preparation and talked about “Behavioral-Based Interviewing”, the “PAR Method” and pitfalls to avoid. She talked through the various role options for graduates and the types of leadership training programs many companies may offer. She encouraged the value of exposure to various roles in any supply chain organization.

(Below) Dr Boyer even jumped into the conversation!



Newsletter Recap

February 6 – QSCC Visit

February 20 - Meijer



What's coming up?

February 20 – Meijer

March 16-20 – Spring Break

March 27 – Encova

April 27 – Last Day of Classes

April 29 – May 5 – Final Exams

May 10 – Commencement

Go Bucks!



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This program, offered by the Operations and Business Analytics Department, is a combination scholarship and experiential engagement program that will introduce undergraduates to supply chain careers earlier in their college experience and provide them with the opportunities to engage with industry executives in a mentoring capacity while discussing the challenges females face in the workplace, career choices, etc.

Dr. Kenneth K. Boyer, Fisher Designated Professor
Dr. Mi Kyong Newsom, Lean Six Sigma Academic Director, Clinical Assistant Professor
Prof. Bonnie Schroeder, Senior Lecturer
Prof. Terry Klinker, Senior Lecturer
Prof. Jessica Kohlschmidt, Senior Lecturer
Prof. David Veech, Senior Lecturer
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