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TITLE:
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CERTIFICATION/DEGREE:
BA in Supply Chain
Management



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Q: How did you select your certification program or college major?

A: I selected my major based on a previous position I held within AutoZone, a community need and my desire to learn more.

Q: What was the biggest influence in your selection of career pathway?

A: My parents impacted me heavily through their successful careers. I have always been around supply chain and transportation.

Q: What attracted you to the transportation industry?

A: The challenge of being able to connect new technology to transportation from the inside of the tractor trailers to dispatchers and increase safety for our drivers and customers alike.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of your job?

A: I love to connect with people and help them solve problems that impact employees of distribution centers and tractor trailers, along with our customers.

Q: How do you/your company make a positive impact on society/our community?

A: By working on PILOT programs focused on new safety features. Also I speak on panels at conferences to discuss the new DOT regulation changes that are fast approaching.

Q: What's the most interesting thing you have been able to do in your professional career?

A: By working with a company named PeopleNet, I was able to drive innovation of forward, rear, and side mirror cameras for Tractor Trailers. Along with working on another innovative product by ALK Navigation, I was able to work with the engineers on how to design a geofence around the parking lot perimeter of retail stores to design the safest way for our tractor trailers to enter and exit a store location.

Q: What makes you get up each morning excited about your profession?

A: Knowing that I am positively impacting our drivers and customers around the country by being the SME for anything in private fleet transportation.

Q: If you could go back to high school and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for college, what would it be?

A: There isn't one in my eyes...

Q: What advice would you share with students or anyone considering your profession?

A: Do it and don't look back. There is never a dull moment and transportation is a way of life within our community no matter where you live or work.

