On January 29, a group of 20 students and Ken Boyer rode a bus 90 minutes south to visit GE’s Evendale turbine jet engine plant. Students consisted of current and prior Pathways students as well as several current PhD students. In 1896, General Electric was one of the original 12 companies comprising the original Dow Jones Industrial Average. In 2020, GE was the 33rd largest U.S. company by gross revenue.

Today, the company consists of 4 divisions that help solve the world’s biggest problems: Aviation, Power, Renewable Energy and Healthcare. The Aviation division manufacturers turbines that are on 64,000 airplanes around the world. Estimates are that every 2 seconds an aircraft with GE engine technology takes off and at any given point in time, approximately 300,000 people are in the air powered by GE turbine engines.

GE Aviation’s supply chain is enormously complicated, due to the complexity of the parts and knowledge required for jet engines as well as the need to meet stringent requirements imposed by the FAA for civilian aircraft and the Department of Defense for military aircraft. We are very appreciative that roughly a dozen GE professionals too time on their off Saturday to provide a stimulating tour and visit. In particular, we appreciate the following Buckeye alums: Amber Weinel (2012), Gavin Bernard (2018), Bryan Summerlin (2014) and Kristen Uitenham (MSMEng, 2023).
On Friday, February 18th, the Pathways Scholars met virtually with representatives from Nordstrom’s Supply Chain and Early In Career Human Resources Departments. Angela Leach, Associate Recruiter Early In Career Recruiter kicked the meeting off with an overview of Nordstrom’s history, values and commitment to providing their customers the best possible service and to improving it every day. She also provided an overview of their organizational structure.

Reverse Supply Chain network to support Nordstrom’s focus on the customer experience while managing a critical flow of inventory back into the supply chain. Anna Shives, Sr. Program Manager, Supply Chain Systems & Engineering, spoke about her role which involves building, launching and scaling a new highly automated 1M sq ft supply chain facility. She discussed the inbound, outbound and return volumes the supply chain will support. Angela Leach spoke about Nordstrom’s commitment to Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging by providing an overview of their eight Employee Resources Groups’ goals for networking, educational development,
community engagement and involvement as well as cross-company collaboration. Angela concluded the presentation by sharing details about Nordstrom’s 10.5-week summer internship program with the scholars.

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