On Friday, April 22, Quality Supply Chain Co-op, Inc., one of the founding sponsors of the Pathways for Women in Supply Chain program, hosted the Pathways Scholars for their second in-person event of the year. Quality Supply Chain Co-op, founded in 2010, is the independent purchasing cooperative for the Wendy’s® system. They are the third-largest purchasing cooperative in the quick-service restaurant industry with nearly $4 billion in buying power. The Wendy’s Company was founded by Dave Thomas in 1969.

QSCC associates, Krista Pohlman (VP – Operational Excellence), Jeremy Brofford (Sr. Director – Produce & Bakery Procurement), Tabby Samuel (Director – Financial Analysis), Natalie Grobelny (Director – Beef Procurement), Tracy Meinen (Director – Packaging & Disposables), Samantha Johnston (Director – People Excellence) and Kyle Flynn (Purchasing Analyst – Commodity Risk) provided an overview of the complexities of Wendy’s supply chain, especially for fresh never frozen beef, as well as QSCC’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I) initiatives.

Afterward, the scholars had the opportunity to tour Wendy’s campus including their Fitness Center and newly renovated Innovation Center.

This concludes our 2021-2023 academic year program. We can not thank our corporate sponsors enough for their mentorship, sharing of wisdom, and certainly financial support. The nineteen young women in the program have developed and learned – thank you for supporting diverse leaders of tomorrow.

Over the summer we will select and assemble the class of 2023. Please reach out to any of us with questions or to become more substantially involved.

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