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Videos of Women in Supply Chain
As part of the Pathways program at Fisher, the following short videos have been developed to illustrate aspects of a career in supply chain management. Women at different stages of their careers were interviewed regarding challenges and opportunities they have experienced in their work. Please watch and share with others who might be interested.

https://fisher.osu.edu/academic-departments/management-sciences/pathways-program/pathways-program-video-series/

Visit with General Motors
On November 27, 2017 the Pathways Scholars had the opportunity to spend some time with Tate Nordgren, General Motors, Buyer, Global Purchasing and SC, Fisher/Ohio State c/o 2016 Operations Major. General Motors is one of the Grey Sponsors for the program this year. Tate gave an overview of General Motors and the vast scope of its global reach. General Motors is a global automotive company, employing over 181,00 employees on 6 continents and 23 different time zones. In addition, Tate discussed the role of supply chain management and the many points of impact for GM’s global supply chain. The global Global Purchasing and Supply Chain (GPSC) headquarters is in Detroit, MI. GPSC I comprised of four main pillars:

- Direct purchasing (material that goes directly on the vehicle)
- Indirect purchasing and machinery and equipment (services that support GM)
- Program Purchasing (supports the vehicle line from inception to production)
- Demand/Supply

With global vehicle production of approximately 10 million vehicles, supply chain is the foundation for GM’s success. Finally, Tate provided an overview of the leadership development program that she is in her second year at GM. The interaction between future graduates and a relatively recent graduate navigating her first couple of years in the workforce was very informative.

Visit with DHL Supply Chain and JP Morgan Chase
On January 22, 2018 the Pathways Scholars attended a lunch at the Varsity Club – generously donated by JP Morgan Chase – to discuss Professional Paths. The group listened to presentations from representatives of two companies: DHL Supply Chain and JP Morgan Chase. Three representatives from DHL Supply Chain – all Fisher/OSU graduates – Maria Tzagournis, Sr. Director, Commercial Contract Management (Fisher MBA), Jessica Olsen, College Recruiting Manager, (Fisher Marketing Graduate) and Ashley Jones, Supply Chain Manager, (Fisher Logistics Graduate), described DHL Supply
DHL Supply Chain is part of the Deutsche Post DHL Group (sister companies include DHL Express, DHL Global Forwarding, DHL Supply Chain, Post/ecommerce/Parcel). With 510,000 employees worldwide in 2220 countries the company had 2016 revenue of 57 Billion Euros. DHL Supply Chain provides warehousing, transportation and value added services. With 25,000 employees and 361 locations, DHL Supply Chain supports 200 customers in all sectors including consumer, retail, auto, tech and life sciences.

Three representative from JP Morgan Chase – all Fisher/OSU graduates – Kristen George, Internal Audit Analyst, Fisher Accounting Graduate 2015), Danielle Hronek (Fisher Graduate), and Kelly Campbell, CADP Analyst, (Fisher Purchasing Graduate, 2016). The group discussed two career paths within JPMC – the JPMA Audit Analyst Program and Purchasing. JP Morgan Chase has over 240,000 employees in more than 60 countries with over $2 trillion in assets under management. The group discussed the role of internal audit within a huge bank as an assurance regarding the capacity of operations to achieve key metrics for the organization. Specifically, as an independent function, Audit provides objective assurance to improve the firm’s overall operations. Spanning the firm, Audit brings a systematic, disciplined approach to our risk, control and governance processes. The JPMC representatives discussed opportunities in the auditing group and positioned the skill set required for success as substantively similar to that for success in supply chain management.
Representatives of JP Morgan Chase Danielle Hronek, Kristen George and Kelly Campbell (L to right) speak with group

The Pathways Scholars were very engaged with both DHL and JPMC, asking questions that conveyed both an understanding of the material presented and a desire to engage/learn more.

Thanks to both DHL Supply Chain and JP Morgan Chase!

Our next event will consist of a visit to campus by Williams Sonoma executives on February 5, 2018.

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