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When and why did you join CSCMP?

I've followed CSCMP for 5-6 years, attending virtual events during the pandemic. I officially joined in 2023, drawn by opportunities for networking, professional development, thought leadership, and fostering collaboration. With a deep passion for supply chain management, I'm committed to shaping its future with emerging technologies like AI, machine learning, and blockchains. Joining CSCMP aligns perfectly with my goals.

**What advice do you have for new CSCMP members on how they can maximize their membership value?
What membership benefit do you find most valuable?**

Network Strategically: Engage in CSCMP events, forums, and professional connections for valuable insights, collaborations, and career advancement.

Skill Up with CSCMP Resources: Utilize workshops, webinars, and training programs to stay updated on supply chain trends and enhance expertise.

Attend EDGE Conferences: Participate in CSCMP's annual EDGE conferences for exposure to industry experts, thought leaders, and innovative ideas, fostering continuous learning and networking.

Embrace Mentorship: Connect with experienced professionals in CSCMP for guidance and a broader career perspective, catalyzing personal and professional growth.

Thought Leadership Engagement: Contribute to discussions, share insights, and participate in knowledge-sharing activities to enhance visibility and establish yourself as a thought leader in the supply chain community.

What has been the most impactful connection you have made through CSCMP membership?

My CSCMP membership has facilitated impactful connections. Engaging at local events helped establish meaningful relationships with professionals in my area. Participation in CSCMP committees connected me with industry experts, providing diverse perspectives and invaluable knowledge. These interactions, whether at local events or within committees, have significantly contributed to my professional growth and understanding of the evolving supply chain landscape. The collective expertise and shared enthusiasm within the CSCMP community make every connection a source of inspiration and learning.

How did you get into supply chain management/logistics?

My entry into supply chain management wasn't planned; I brought data science skills to a pharmaceutical company by chance. In this role, I discovered the crucial role of supply chains in our daily lives. The complex processes and seamless flow of goods fascinated me, sparking a passion for optimizing supply chain processes. The practical experience in the pharmaceutical industry solidified my commitment to this dynamic field, highlighting its critical role in our interconnected global environment.

Describe your job in a tweet (i.e. 140 characters).

"Navigating the complex world of supply chain with a blend of engineering, technology, data science, ethnographics, and Lean Six Sigma. Versatile professional equipped to tackle multifaceted challenges. #SupplyChain"

What are your top three job responsibilities?

1. Gathering Insights from Supply Chain data
 2. Supply chain Process Improvement Using data insights & Technology:
 3. Optimizing supply chain Processes and Automation
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What is the biggest challenge you face on the job, and how are you managing it?

My primary challenge revolves around change management and translating business problems into data-centric solutions. To overcome this, I prioritize effective communication, collaborate closely with stakeholders, and conduct thorough analyses to identify the most suitable use cases. This ensures alignment between business needs and data-centric solutions, facilitating a smoother integration of change within the organization.

What technologies, trends, or disruptive forces do you see having the biggest impact on supply chains?	AI, Machine Learning, and Blockchain are transforming supply chains by improving demand forecasting, optimizing inventory management, and enhancing decision-making with data-driven insights. Blockchain ensures transparency, traceability, and security through decentralized ledgers and smart contracts. Robotic Process Automation streamlines tasks, reducing errors and improving operational efficiency. The integration of these technologies promises heightened efficiency, precision, and adaptability, fostering resilient and responsive supply chain operations in the modern business landscape.
If you were to start a company from scratch, what values would you build it on?	Sustainability, service oriented, integrity, and a commitment to causes larger than individual interests.
What are you proudest of?	I'm proud of my contribution to a project addressing supply disruption issues in the pharmaceutical industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. This impactful work, timely in addressing critical challenges, ensured the continued availability of essential medicines, providing deep satisfaction and professional accomplishment during a global health crisis.
If you could interview anyone, who would it be and why?	I'd interview my maternal grandmother, who ran a grocery shop in the 1960s. I'm curious to learn about the intricacies of small business operations during that era, gaining insights into supply and demand management, challenges, strategies, and personal anecdotes. Her experiences could provide valuable perspectives on running a grocery store in a time marked by unique socio-economic dynamics.
What was your childhood dream job?	As a child, my dream job was to become an athlete and specifically a cricket(a sport in India) player. The allure of sports, particularly cricket, captivated my imagination, and I aspired to make a career out of playing the game professionally.
When you retire, what will be the first adventure you take, or what will be the first thing you will do for which you may not otherwise have had the time?	When I retire, the first adventure I eagerly anticipate is camping on the beach with my parents, family and friends, coupled with an exhilarating horse ride along the shore. This envisioned experience embodies the joy of shared moments, the beauty of nature, and the freedom to indulge in leisurely pursuits with loved ones.

Write your own question and answer!
What have we not asked that would be interesting for other CSCMP members to learn about you?

What is the topmost skill you believe is crucial for supply chain professionals?

Answer: In my view, the most critical skill for supply chain professionals is empathy. Understanding and appreciating the diverse perspectives and needs of stakeholders, from suppliers to end customers, fosters effective collaboration and problem-solving. Empathy allows professionals to navigate complex relationships, address challenges with a human-centric approach, and build resilient supply chain systems that prioritize the well-being of all involved parties.

Are you available for a virtual video interview for the CSCMP Member Monday series?

Yes!