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When and why did you join CSCMP?	I recently joined CSCMP this year as the Student Representative for Philadelphia but have been involved in events related to the organization for the past three years. I chose CSCMP because it opens the door to endless opportunities for personal and professional growth in the business and supply chain world. I appreciate having various educational experiences outside of the classroom as a college student, particularly certifications, webinars, networking events, and conferences that allow me to learn and connect with people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives.
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?	From the words of my mentors in the organization and someone newly involved with the benefits of being a CSCMP member, there are tons of great opportunities. As for the most valuable membership benefit, it ultimately depends on individual preferences and career goals. Some may find networking events most valuable for building connections, while others may prioritize access to educational resources or industry-specific certifications. I recommend exploring all aspects of the membership to identify which benefits align best with your professional objectives. As a student, networking events are incredibly beneficial and can lead to great opportunities, such as becoming a Student Representative for your city's chapter!
What has been the most impactful connection you have made through CSCMP membership?	Chris Stang, the former President of CSCMP Philadelphia and the current Marketing Chair for the chapter, has been an incredible connection for me. He has opened doors to meet numerous individuals at the MEGA Meetings and former student representatives. He has served as a great mentor and played a pivotal role in granting me the opportunity to be the Student Representative of CSCMP Philadelphia as well.

How did you get into supply chain management/logistics?

I gravitated towards supply chain management because there will always be a demand to assist people around the world in getting the products they need. I find it rewarding to know that I play a role in this process. The industry is fast-paced, challenging, dynamic, and ever-changing, with numerous areas to explore. Those I have spoken with in this field mention that there's always something new awaiting. In my internship experiences, it's fascinating to see all the parts working together and the importance of a supply chain network.

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

As the President of the Temple University Supply Chain Student Professional Organization, I fueled growth through industry ties, unique events, and strategic recruitment, shaping a dynamic student organization with a team.

What are your top three job responsibilities?

- Leveraged industry connections to coordinate weekly meetings, speaker sessions, and on-site group tours providing valuable insights and knowledge to members.
 - Executed unique professional development events, including company tours, panels, and networking sessions, fostering growth opportunities for 80+ student members.
 - Led a cross-functional team of 10+ executive board members to ensure fulfillment of goals across all categories to achieve organizational goals.
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What is the biggest challenge you face on the job, and how are you managing it?

The primary challenge in this role is to ensure effective communication across all members of the Executive Board, making certain that everyone is on the same page and informed about important information.

What technologies, trends, or disruptive forces do you see having the biggest impact on supply chains?

The integration of blockchain technology, the Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI) has brought notable changes to supply chain management.

If you were to start a company from scratch, what values would you build it on?

In establishing the core values for a new company, I would prioritize integrity, stewardship, and teamwork.

What are you proudest of?

I am most proud of the leadership positions and extracurricular activities I undertook in the past year. I take pride in the risk I took by assuming a leadership role in an esteemed organization with 80 members, despite having no previous leadership experience in the organization. Additionally, serving as the Student Representative for CSCMP has been an opportunity I actively sought, as it is pivotal for my future endeavors in this field. Balancing full-time studies and internships alongside these responsibilities, I have managed to maintain a high GPA, which makes me proud of my current achievements.

If you could interview anyone, who would it be and why?

I would love to interview Bobby Flay because I grew up watching him, and as someone who loves to cook, his reputation as an incredibly skilled chef would make it exciting to hear about his passion for cooking.

What was your childhood dream job?

As a child, I aspired to become an airline pilot because I was fascinated by aerospace and the idea of traveling.

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, I envision exploring places I've always longed to visit but couldn't when I was younger. Rather than opting for the beach, I will choose equally enriching experiences, such as witnessing the Northern Lights.

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

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

- I love staying active, and I'm a big fan of winter sports. I enjoy both skiing and snowboarding. In the summer, I like going to the gym, running, or playing tennis

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

No
