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When and why did you join CSCMP?	I joined CSCMP in April 2024, with the goal of pursuing the SCPro certification. I am actively leveraging CSCMP's resources to further develop my knowledge and skills in supply chain management. I am committed to continuing my professional development to deepen my understanding of industry best practices and to connect with professionals who share similar interests and career 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?	For new CSCMP members, my advice is to actively engage with the community by attending events, participating in webinars, and connecting with fellow professionals. Networking with industry peers and mentors can provide invaluable insights and help you stay informed about the latest trends and best practices. Additionally, taking advantage of CSCMP's educational resources, such as courses and certification programs, will significantly enhance your expertise. The membership benefit I find most valuable is access to the CSCMP knowledge base, including research papers, webinars, and industry reports. These resources offer a wealth of up-to-date information that is crucial for staying ahead in the fast-evolving supply chain field.
What has been the most impactful connection you have made through CSCMP membership?	The most impactful connection I've made through CSCMP has been with a mentor who has guided me through key industry insights helped me refine my approach to supply chain challenges and has been instrumental in my professional growth. The mentorship aspect of CSCMP has been invaluable in shaping my career path.

How did you get into supply chain management/logistics?

I transitioned into supply chain management after switching career from human resource management. While working in HR, I developed an interest in the operational side of business and realized how integral supply chain functions are to organizational success. The shift has been both challenging and rewarding, as I've gained a deeper understanding of how supply chains drive efficiency and innovation.

What is the biggest challenge you face on the job, and how are you managing it?

The biggest challenges I face in my role at the retail supply chain distribution center include discrepancies in inventory, the integration of SAP S4HANA, and the high level of manual work and paperwork. Inventory discrepancies can lead to delays and errors, while SAP integration requires careful coordination to ensure smooth adoption. Additionally, the reliance on manual processes creates inefficiencies. To manage these challenges, I am working on improving inventory accuracy, supporting the SAP integration, and implementing digital tools to reduce paperwork and streamline operations.

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

I believe technologies like automation, AI, and blockchain will have a significant impact on supply chains. Automation can improve efficiency, AI can help with better forecasting, and blockchain will enhance transparency and traceability. Additionally, trends like e-commerce growth and demand for faster delivery times will push supply chains to become more agile and tech-driven.

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