

### **MEET A MEMBER**



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#### When and why did you join CSCMP?

I joined CSCMP as a student in 2019 because of the abundant resources it provided me to enhance my education. I was able to take the things I learned in an academic setting and see how those principles applied in real-world professional settings. I was also able to learn from people who had careers in different aspects of supply chain by networking with other CSCMP members, which has helped me as I've chosen and begun my own career as a supply chain consultant. Now, I choose to stay engaged because of the timely, thoughtful insights into modern supply chains that CSCMP provides.

## 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. Do it early and do it often. Reach out to other CSCMP members, get involved in events, and make new friends. There are few organizations in supply chain with the strength of CSCMP's network. Members come from all walks of life and work in myriad industries. Find someone who sees things differently than you do or works in a field that's unfamiliar to you and get to know them. You'll not only make a new friend, but learn something new that may change the way you think about supply chain for the better.

#### How did you get into supply chain management/logistics?

I studied global supply chain management while attending BYU Marriott, and I feel fortunate to have found my calling early in life. As a student, I interned in various disciplines of business, but never really found my fit until I found supply chain. As a process-oriented, life-long student of culture, economics, and business, I found supply chain to be the perfect fit for me. I interned as a supply chain analyst and eventually took a job during school running supply chain for a small but fast-growing business. I haven't looked back since.

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

I guide my clients through a digital transformation that replaces old technology with cutting-edge cloud solutions to improve their supply chain for future growth

#### What are your top three job responsibilities?

- 1. Travel to and work with clients to understand their supply chain processes and where there are opportunities for improvement
- 2. Operate within a team of consultants to design a custom solution for their supply chain needs using Microsoft's cloud-based business applications: Dynamics 365, Power BI, and Power Platform
- 3. Test, implement, and support those solutions to ensure that the client's business runs smoothly

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

As a new hire, my biggest challenge is to quickly drink from the fire hose and learn what I need to learn to be the best I can be. As a recent college graduate, I'm learning how to apply the things that I've learned in school to a professional environment, which can de difficult and confusing. Thankfully, I have peers, managers, and mentors (some from CSCMP) that deeply care about me and as I rely on their help, I'm able to manage what's asked of me.

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

As a supply chain consultant who works extensively with ERP and BI software, I believe that the advancements made in these technological fields have and will continue to change supply chain in unimaginable ways. Personally, I find the increasing use of IoT and blockchain technologies to be revolutionary. Though globalization may appear to have declined in recent times, I believe these technologies are simply aiding globalization in taking a new, more digital form.

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

As an entrepreneur at heart, I have thought of this question often. I would build a company on the same values I strive to build my life: integrity, diligence, and kindness. These values have helped to shape who I am, and founding a company in any other way would be misaligned with who I want to become.

#### What are you proudest of?

I'm most proud of my wife, Ashley. My achievements pale in comparison with the things that she's accomplished as the most honest, diligent, and kindest person I know. As a pediatric nurse, the impact of her work reaches far beyond what I am capable of doing in my professional capacity. She is an example to me and I'm grateful for more and more every day.

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

If I could interview anyone (alive or deceased), I would interview Clayton Christensen, world-renowned expert on innovation and growth, HBS professor, author, and alum of BYU. I think our conversation would drift from business and technology to leadership and living a life of integrity. I have always admired his work, from "The Innovator's Dilemma" to "How Will You Measure Your Life?", but never had the chance to speak with him while he was alive. I consider him a role model, both professional and personally and would relish the chance to ask him some questions about how to navigate through life.

#### What was your childhood dream job?

As a kid, I vacillated between wanting to be the President of the United States, to an automobile designer, to a corporate lawyer, to a mechanical engineer.

# 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 would love to obtain a pilot's license and fly with my family around the world. I love to travel and would love to have the opportunity to share memories of going to new places with my family.