



## WOMEN IN STEEL

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#### What led you to this career path?

I graduated college with an Associates Degree in Automotive Technology. I worked at a shop for a while and that led to doing customer service. From there, I started working as a receptionist for a smaller steel company and by the time I left I was the Materials and Product Manager.

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*"I find steel fascinating, sometimes heartbreaking and backbreaking, but as a whole fascinating."*

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#### What has been the best thing about being a woman in the workplace?

I've always enjoyed the dynamic of men and women working together. I like this because through our very different experiences we can provide different perspectives or solutions to an issue.

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*"I've done a lot of things throughout my career, but I always come back for purchasing. That has always been the role I like the most."*

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#### What advice do you have for young women who are looking to pursue a similar career path?

Never stop learning. Learn about the industry you work in and new technology. You could even learn about non-industry related matters such as cooking, crafting, woodworking, music, and other people, but make sure you always stay open to learning. Learning makes life enriching in so many ways. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't do something because you are a woman.

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*"Lead everywhere you go, whether it's a part of your job title or not."*

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Don't let your job be the only definition of who you are. I've been there and done that. When fortunes changed, it was absolutely devastating to realize I was so wrapped up in who/what I was at work that I had no understanding of myself without the job. Start volunteering and engaging in hobbies. Remember that all relationships are work. You have to work at every relationship in your life. My daily advice is to remember that life is short - whatever you do, have fun!

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***“None of it was easy, but every single bit of it was worth the effort.”***

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