

Co-Workers On The MOVE!

AnnaMarie Smitterberg

AnnaMarie enjoys working in the medical field and using her talents to help others. Before PCA Pharmacy, she was the hockey pro at a sporting goods store in Grand Rapids. It took a lot of time and persistence to gain the trust of the community and for them to understand that a “girl” was the best person to have sharpen their skates and help find the right gear for their little hockey players.

AnnaMarie’s best friend worked for PCA Grand Rapids, and when they were acquired by Trilogy they needed additional help. AnnaMarie’s friend recommended her as a hard worker, who would be a great asset to PCA. She was hired as a floor technician and handled the TCG system, but now she is the Purchasing Manager for PCA Columbus.

AnnaMarie initially moved into purchasing in Grand Rapids in 2015, then in 2017, she was promoted and moved to PCA Columbus to manage purchasing.

It is hard for AnnaMarie to pick just one person who has influenced her career with PCA. She said, we have so many amazing leaders who encourage growth and are so helpful. She would say the person that has had the largest impact is Rob Leffler, who originally saw the potential in her to have such a significant impact in purchasing.

AnnaMarie has learned so much about the many pieces of long term care pharmacy along the way. She understands more and more each day about how everything works together, which allows her to effectively solve challenges as they arise. PCA has always allowed and encouraged AnnaMarie to ask questions and delve into discussions that have helped her grow in her understanding of pharmacy.

AnnaMarie has had the opportunity to be involved in several of the leadership trainings. She attributes these to having helped her grow in her abilities to serve others and she feels like as a result she communicates better and also evaluates situations more effectively before acting on them.

AnnaMarie’s long-term goal with PCA is to be a part of the home office purchasing team! She would like to help find best solutions and continue to help support the purchasing teams so we can provide exemplary service to our facilities and their patients.

PCA is an incredibly diverse company where she has had many opportunities to meet and learn from different people and get unique perspectives. It allows AnnaMarie to put more of the puzzle pieces together and see the bigger picture.



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At times, AnnaMarie has struggled to balance her career at PCA Pharmacy and family. She has had many conversations with other leaders which has helped her find ways to do this more effectively. One of the things that has helped her most was making plans with family — this gave her a concrete reason to leave work at a certain time. She also has spent time talking with her Executive Director about how to best balance the department needs with what her goals are for having a life outside of work. This helps her develop and maintain a balance between her home life and making sure the department is still running smoothly. As with most things, AnnaMarie says communication has been key!

Outside work, AnnaMarie loves distance running, world travel, craft beers, ice hockey, and walks with her boyfriend and their two dogs. AnnaMarie says if she lived in the Harry Potter universe, and was accepted at Hogwarts, the sorting hat would have placed her in Slytherin. While in college, AnnaMarie majored in Chemistry.

AnnaMarie's advice to her teammates would be, "Don't have others fix challenges for you, have them teach you how to fix it. And remember, everyone has something to teach you if you are willing to learn. Sometimes it is through their advice, sometimes it's learning from their mistakes."

Quotes about AnnaMarie!

"AnnaMarie consistently demonstrates a positive attitude with a focus on problem solving and that really helps her drive performance outcomes for our Purchasing team. Anna Marie also has a strong desire to learn more about the details and asks questions that challenge and strengthen our strategy as a company.

AnnaMarie has had many accomplishments over the past few years. She has consistently met and exceeded days on hand inventory goals as well as being a top performer on meeting wholesaler compliance goals.

AnnaMarie is a great candidate for growth because she works hard, works smart and works together with her PCA teammates to drive operational excellence and performance outcomes. She is willing to do whatever it takes to be successful and overcome whatever challenges come her way. We are extremely grateful to have her on our team!"

Ryan Troutman, Director of Purchasing

"AnnaMarie is one of the most driven and hard working individuals I have had the opportunity to work with. She takes great pride in her work and is constantly looking for solutions to better her department and the pharmacy. She is also constantly looking to better herself both personally and professionally through feedback, mentors, reading Leadership books, learning and understanding all aspects of the pharmacy and how it relates her role, etc. It is a pleasure to work with AnnaMarie every day and it is exciting to watch her continue to grow here and hopefully beyond within PCA."

Jordan Prozialeck, Executive Director for PCA Pharmacy in Columbus

