

## Interview - Project Manager II

How or why did you enter your industry?

- I went to college for engineering but found out after my first year and a half that I didn't have the same passion for designing that I thought I would. I decided to branch out and volunteer my time one weekend with a group of Construction Management students where we helped paint a church in our community. I felt an immediate kinship with the builders and switched my major to Construction Management and loved my learning experience.

What are the barriers/obstacles of being a woman in this industry?

- Needing to prove your talent/skills more than your male colleagues. Constantly being asked to be the one taking meeting minutes or send out meeting invites, even if you are more senior than the men in the room.

Why do you think there are so few females in the industry and what would you do to change that?

- Stigma around the industry is often a barrier. By telling the stories of more women in the industry, I think we can spark interest in building with new generations.

What does an average day in your work life look like?

- Lots of meetings, reading through technical documents, providing support and direction to the field teams.

What would you title your autobiography?

- Someone had to get it done, so she did.

What is your favorite hobby?

- Gardening

What is your go to song at karaoke?

- "Don't stop believing" by Journey

What is advice you would give your younger self?

- Money will come with time, find what brings your joy and chase that.

What do you like most about your work?

- The people. I love working with electricians and electrical engineers, they're a different breed of human and always have great things to teach me.

What is the best career advice you have ever been given?

- Every job offer you receive is the opportunity for a negotiation. Want more PTO? More pay? Negotiate that into your contract. The worst they can say is no.

What was your first job?

- Stock room at Old Navy