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Nick Springmeyer’s 10-year career at Yaskawa started in the company’s internship program and – so far – has led to a management role within the operations department.

“I started out supporting strategic sourcing as an intern. At that time, I completed projects focused on our supplier portal and material flows. From there, I joined the organization full time in a purchasing role, focused on buying parts for production for one of our main business units. Then I moved into a project management position.”

“But it all started with that opportunity in the internship program. I got to learn about many different aspects of manufacturing, including planning, working with suppliers, and managing projects. That experience gave me a lot of perspective. It gave me a solid understanding of what went on within the company. It’s one of the great things about working at Yaskawa. You are empowered to play many different roles. That gives you a comprehensive view of how everything operates.”

Taking advantage of those learning opportunities early on has paid big dividends a decade later. His team provides services in two main areas: business process management and logistics.

“It’s been an exciting few years. We had to draw a lot on our planning prowess. Keeping flexible. Being creative in how we worked together. We relied on strong working relationships with our suppliers and other business partners.”

“Cooperation and communication have been so important. We had daily interactions with the production and warehouse teams, as well as with our colleagues from engineering. Every day, we collaborated on plans for the day and the week. Always making sure everyone had what they needed to succeed.”

“We have been successful in customer satisfaction, continual improvement, and many other ways. I’ve been fortunate to have great support up, down, and across the chain of command. From leadership to peers and colleagues. We benefit from a healthy, supportive culture. I’ve been exposed to rewarding growth opportunities in diverse areas – and I’ve seen others grow, too.”

But Nick said the opportunities are not just handed to you at Yaskawa.

“You’ve got to be curious and show interest. Be enthusiastic. Have a desire to learn and investigate opportunities. Most importantly, you have to build your reputation by enabling the team to execute and deliver results. Show the company that you can consistently add value and you will be successful!”

