

STEM SPOTLIGHT

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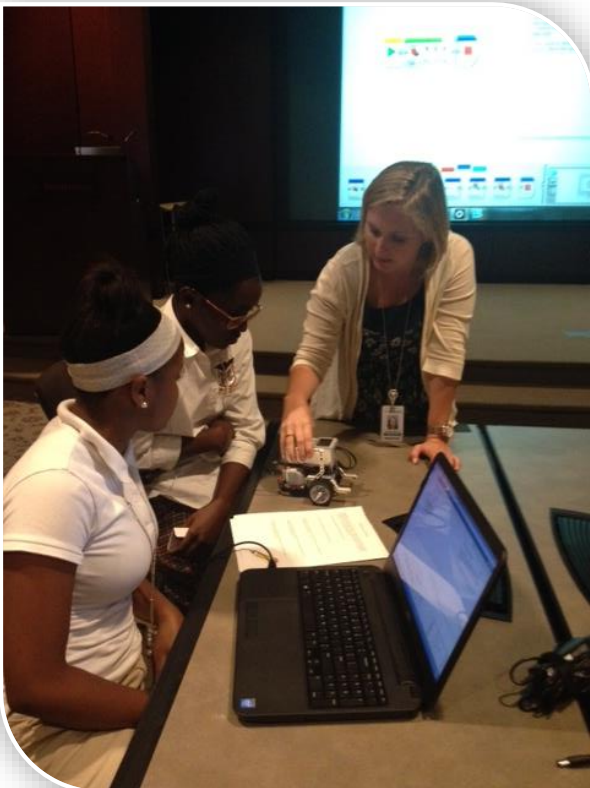
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
M.S. in Biomedical Engineering
MBA, Concentration in Finance

University of Tenn. Knoxville
University of Memphis
Christian Brothers University



Q How did you select your college major?

A I always loved math growing up and knew I wanted to do something in the STEM fields. Everyone always told me I should be an engineer. When I got closer to college, I was debating between engineering or medical school, so I decided Biomedical Engineering would be a good fit, since it can be used as a premed degree. I fell in love with engineering and never looked back.



Q What was the biggest influence in your selection of major/career?

A I always wanted to do something to help other people. I have found a career and field that allows me to do that.

Q If you could go back to high school and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for college, what would it be?

A I would have loved to have taken an anatomy/physiology course in high school if it was offered.

What is your favorite aspect of your job?

A I love the variety of my job. Every day is different. Being in marketing, I get to meet with surgeons and sales rep and get to actually be out in the field. I also get to travel a good bit.



Q How do you/your company make a positive impact on society/our community?

A Medtronic is committed to “Alleviate Pain, Restore Health, and Extend Life.” Every day we work on products that will make people’s lives better. Additionally, Medtronic is committed to being an active contributor to the community, and encourages employees to volunteer. I volunteer with the local children’s hospital, LeBonheur, and Medtronic makes a donation after I volunteer 25 hours!

Q What’s the most interesting thing you have been able to do in your professional career?

A I have had the opportunity to travel to some pretty cool places! Since I have been working at Medtronic, I have visited plenty of places around the US including New York, Chicago, and even Anchorage! I have also done some international travel including Germany and Czech Republic!

Q What makes you get up each morning excited about your profession?

A I have the opportunity to help improve people’s lives – what can be more exciting than that?

Q What advice would you share with K-12 students who are considering your profession?

A I would recommend being open to new opportunities! While my background is in engineering, I am currently applying some of those skills in my marketing role and loving it! Don’t limit your opportunities based on what you think your career “should” look like.