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Even though we have all been stuck inside for the last year, I am likely a familiar face from PDA Midwest Events of the past 10 years. My experience as Treasurer of WMU's Chemistry Club during my graduate work as well as my experience in the Pharmaceutical Industry the past two decades would help me serve PDA's Midwest Chapter! Please see below for a snapshot of my experiences.

I have worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry for 16 years. During my graduate work at the Nanotechnology Lab in Western Michigan University's Chemistry Department, I also interned at a large pharmaceutical company in Kalamazoo, MI. While working towards my degree at WMU, I was a member and the Treasurer of the Chemistry Club. After graduating, I then went on to start my Pharma Industry career as a Research Bench Chemist at a pharmaceutical company in Michigan.

All of my chemistry background prepared me to be as effective as possible as an account manager at STERIS Life Sciences. I have been with STERIS for almost 11 years and work with customers on a daily basis to help them with their contamination control needs. We work together through issues that arise in both controlled and uncontrolled environments in the pharmaceutical, medical device and personal care industries.

While I grew up in Michigan, I currently reside in Chicago's Western Suburbs with my husband and two young children.