

To be a leader in the Materials Science industry, we strive to have a team of bright and hard-working individuals in order to truly succeed. At PES, we carefully search for the top talent - people who bring a fire and passion to be challenged and create solutions everyday. Meg Manion, who is our Marketing Strategist, joins us today. We spoke with Meg about what makes her special, her background, and why she was so excited to join PES.

“Meg, tell us a little bit about your background and experiences prior to joining PES.”

Meg: My name is Meg, and I recently joined PES upon graduating from Saint Vincent College in the Class of 2021. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, so yes, I bleed black and gold. I have a brother and sister who are both younger than me, and a cute little Schnauzer pup named Oreo. I definitely couldn't have made it through college and the beginning of my career without the love and support from my parents, they've always been there to help me through the toughest of times. Last summer, (2020) I was an intern with *Eternal Travel Boutique* doing Digital Marketing for them. This along with working as the Digital Marketing Manager for *The Review* and *MADComm* for Saint Vincent College have given me a lot of skills and experiences that I need to take on this new position. There is so much more for me to learn and I am so excited to be able to learn more every single day working at PES.

“What made you choose PES?”

Meg: I chose PES because of the culture and the people. When I came in for my in-person interview, I could immediately tell how things rolled here. Everyone is there to help, support, and care for not only their customers, but for the other team members as well. During my tour, everyone was so kind and seemed to really care about getting to know me as a person, not just what's on my resume which was important to me when choosing where to work. Since starting full-time, the happiness has only grown. We are here to support each other and work together to solve problems. No one is in it alone which makes it a great environment to work in. I am very glad that I decided to join PES. This position is going to challenge me and set me up for success.

“Tell us what you like to do outside of work?”

Meg: I really love spending time outside and going to the gym. When I come home from work I usually enjoy sitting in my hammock and listening to music to unwind - great vibes.

“What would you tell your younger self?”

Meg: I would tell my younger self to live in the moment and not to stress out so much about the future. If there's anything that I've learned so far in life, it's to focus on the little things that make you happy and unique and run with those. Life is way too short to get upset and stressed about things that don't matter. Everything happens for a reason and even if it doesn't seem like it right now, it will be okay in the end... just trust and have faith in yourself and God.

“Any pointers for those who are entering the workforce?”

Meg: I think the most important factor is confidence. Confidence in yourself and the skills that you possess. You have to make yourself stand out from others. It all goes back to the little things. Find one thing about yourself that you can show in an interview that makes you unique from all the other candidates who are applying for the same position. Be kind to whomever you're interviewing with and trust that if they call you for an interview that you are just as much in the running for the job as anyone else. They called you for a reason... be confident in that.