

Member Spotlight

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Tell us about your PROP journey! Why did you join PROP and how long have you been a member?

I started with PROP in 2019, I just got hired as the Education Specialist for the Lackawanna County Office of Environmental Sustainability and was training to eventually become the Recycling Coordinator for the County. Every Recycling Coordinator in PA needs to have their CRP, but I recommend it for anyone in the recycling industry in PA. I am now working on my re-certification!

What has PROP membership meant to you both personally and professionally? Include relationships developed through attendance at conferences and/or participation and volunteer activities in your chapter and committees.

Recycling in PA can be tough at times, and I was extremely overwhelmed when I became my County's Recycling Coordinator. PROP breaks down all the components of the recycling industry here and makes it easier to absorb.

Personally, it was nice to meet others in PROP that have similar issues in their county or job, and everyone is super nice and helpful. I recommend PROP to anyone looking for a formal education on recycling and waste reduction in Pennsylvania and have them expect to become part of an amazing network of recycling professionals!

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

A fun fact about me is that I love video games. I grew up with an older brother so my sister and I would always watch him play Playstation or Xbox and eventually we got our own gaming system. I think it is a great way to unwind and something to do in the colder months.