

BEHIND THE WHEEL WITH AWG AMBASSADOR:

TEAM SPOTLIGHT



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5

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Q&A WITH DARLENE

What do you enjoy most about your job?

"I absolutely love my role within the accounting team. But beyond that, the camaraderie with my co-workers really makes every day enjoyable."

What does a typical day in the Accounts Payable department entail?

"Every day brings its own set of challenges; it's always a surprise. My daily tasks mainly involve ensuring bills are paid to keep the lights on. However, a large portion of my day is dedicated to special assignments from our CFO."

Can you discuss one of the biggest challenges you've encountered in your role?

"Initially, the biggest challenge was familiarizing myself with all the 'D' names. Jokes aside, after mastering the software we use, everything clicked into place. What's fantastic is having a supportive team that's always there to help whenever I stumble. We truly operate as a close-knit family in the accounting department."

How do you manage stressful situations?

"I take a moment to breathe and focus on what's within my control to de-escalate the situation. Organizing tasks and prioritizing them is key. I've learned to limit the time I spend troubleshooting a problem. Tackling the least enjoyable tasks first helps, and sometimes, the solutions come to me in the middle of the night."

What's a fun fact about you that might surprise people?

"Although I enjoy social outings, I truly value my solitude and often prefer staying in rather than dining out. I savor the simplicity of life, even though I occasionally enjoy a night out with the girls or a romantic dinner. My 'me time' is sacred to me."

If you could choose any superhero power, what would it be and why?

"I'd love the ability to manipulate time, enabling me to pause, rewind, or fast-forward. Having the power to pause would grant me all the time I need, while fast-forwarding would let me skip moments that don't interest me."

What's your favorite aspect of working at AWG Ambassador?

"The family-like atmosphere and the benefits that come with it are unparalleled. We both work hard and play hard. Our group outings to concerts, games, and other events are definitely highlights."

Lastly, any advice for someone looking to start a career in accounting?

"A role in accounting demands a keen eye for detail and analytical skills. It can get overwhelming if you're not organized. Prioritizing is crucial, as many tasks come with strict deadlines that must be adhered to."