

# PDA Volunteer Spotlight

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Anything worth doing,  
is worth putting forth  
110% effort



**Why did you decide to volunteer for PDA?**  
When I moved to Raleigh, N.C., from Eastlake, Ohio, I also transitioned from being an internal employee to a field employee. This meant I could not meet people in a traditional office environment. My manager at the time—a volunteer for PDA's Southeast Chapter—suggested I join PDA. She always spoke very highly of the organization and how it helped her grow professionally due to her involvement with the chapter.

**Of your PDA volunteer experiences, which have you enjoyed the most?**  
In the Southeast Chapter, we host a "Meet the Professionals" night where various professionals within the industry provide advice for students studying for science degrees. These professionals range from those starting out in their careers to those at the vice president level. The chapter also tries to include representatives from a range of disciplines within pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Although everyone's background is different, each experience provides the same insights: work hard, always take risks and focus on what you enjoy. They also discuss what being a PDA member has done for them. The evening ends with pizza and networking, allowing students one-on-one time with the professionals.

**How has PDA contributed to your professional career?**  
After being a member for almost eight years, PDA has been a big contributor to my professional career in many ways. I have had opportunities to network with the top leaders in pharmaceutical manufacturing and learn how they are overcoming challenges to provide safe drugs for patients. I have strengthened my technical knowledge by attending conferences, interest group meetings and networking events. And I have been able to give back by helping provide programs and scholarships for students. PDA has helped shape me into a well-rounded technical professional.

**Tell us about a personal hero you would like to meet.**  
I think I would want to meet someone who made a great impact on the world, but did not live to see it. **Christa McAuliffe** is an example of a person that I admire. She was selected from more than 11,000 applications to participate in the NASA Teacher in Space Project and was scheduled to become the first teacher in space.