CHELSEA BROWN, B.S.I.E, 2012
MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE,
GENERAL MILLS

“I knew I had made the right decision my very first semester when I was taking the Introduction to Industrial Engineering class and started getting involved in the department outside of class. I made lasting friendships and a support network with my peers and professors by holding officer positions with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and getting actively involved with Open House.”

Chelsea Brown initially planned to be a business major. But, right before graduating high school, she decided to look into engineering because she heard there were great opportunities for women in the field. She chose industrial engineering because, more than other engineering disciplines, it involved business and working with people. At K-State, Brown discovered she really enjoyed the manufacturing aspect of the major. This interest led to an internship with General Mills where she was able to put into practice the full range of industrial engineering skills she acquired in the classroom. Following graduation she joined General Mills as a manufacturing and engineering associate. Brown now works on a variety of projects in one of the company’s cereal plants gaining experience in both engineering and management roles.

SARAH PAVLU, B.S.I.E, ’13
BUSINESS ANALYST, DELOITTE CONSULTING

“At a school conference, I read the slogan, ‘one degree, one million possibilities.’ This slogan resonates with me because an IE major can launch you into a stimulating career with opportunities to shape it into exactly what you are searching for, and K-State is a great place to start!”

As a kid, Sarah Pavlu was always encouraged to be an engineer because of her aptitude for math, science and problem solving. She was the type that always wondered how things worked and how she could make them better. When Pavlu learned about industrial engineering, she knew it was the perfect major for her. During her time with IMSE she participated in three internships (J.B. Hunt, Hallmark Cards and Cargotec), studied abroad in Czech Republic and participated in a project that used operations research to improve humanitarian relief efforts; all of which were real-world experiences that helped her stand-out among peers. Before graduating, she was recruited by Deloitte Consulting where she gladly accepted a position in the strategy and operations division located in Kansas City, Missouri.
Andrew Waldman, B.S., M.S. ’14
BUSINESS ANALYST, DELOITTE CONSULTING

“I admit, when I started at K-State, I had never heard of industrial engineering. Through friends and an Engineering Seminar, I learned about this degree that perfectly blends engineering and business concepts, and I was immediately interested. It wasn’t long before I knew I had made the right choice.”

After transferring into the department, Andrew was quickly drawn to the business applications of industrial engineering. He enjoyed classes that challenged him to think critically and creatively to solve problems. These experiences proved to be useful during Andrew’s internships at General Electric (GE) Aviation and Deloitte Consulting, where he was able to apply the skills and knowledge he gained in class to his summer projects. In the concurrent degree program, Andrew worked with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, using IE tools to evaluate and improve their emergency preparedness strategy. In the fall he will begin working at Deloitte Consulting, where he will continue to grow these passions in a business setting.

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