Describe your overall duties/ responsibilities as a Manufacturing Supply Chain Associate:

I am responsible for handling the packaging floor and making sure that everything that is scheduled is happening on time, making sure the operators are prepared for whatever changeover needs to happen and assisting the team supervisors on the floor. Also I am in charge of completing projects to improve efficiency.

Explain the skills/abilities that are required for being successful in your role:

The skills that have allowed me to succeed is first, getting out of my comfort zone, getting uncomfortable and putting myself in new environments has allowed me to succeed. Being personable and easy to interact with has helped me so much. And lastly, being motivated and determined, I’m always willing to do something whether I know how to or not, but I’ll still say yes and it really helps me move forward.

What advice would you give to students who are considering majoring in Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering?

It’s scary switching to a field that no one really knows about, but do your research, sit in on one or two classes to get a feel for it and see if it’s really meant for you. Don’t forget, people end up getting completely different jobs within their fields and if you know how to work your degree, you can cover a range of jobs. In the end, find a degree that allows you job options and is something you are also interested in.