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My name is Antonella (Nella) Mantovano – I am currently in the Operations Leadership Development Program with Rockwell Automation in my final rotation as a Manufacturing Supervisor. Within Rockwell, I serve as the committee co-lead for the International Collaboration Committee for Rockwell Automation’s Supporting Women in Engineering (RA-SWE) organization. I am a recent graduate of Marquette University (Class of ’15) where I studied Biomedical Engineering with a concentration in mechanics. During my four years at Marquette, I was highly involved with Society of Women Engineers, both Marquette’s section as well as the international organization. My sophomore year, I was elected as the Development Director for our collegiate section. Upon completion of my role as Development Director, I was then elected as our Collegiate Section President my junior year. Finally, during my senior year, I was elected as one of the Regional Collegiate Representatives for Region H and worked on the FY15 Collegiate Leadership Team. After my time at Marquette, I was elected by my peers to serve as the Counselor for Marquette’s section and am currently one of the Section Representatives for SWE-WI as well as a Coach for the Leadership Coaching Committee.

Throughout the various leadership positions I held, I have learned a great deal of who I am as a person and as a leader. I have developed key skills needed for effective communication, delegation and team collaboration. Each of these roles have helped me to better understand the SWE organization and familiarize myself with the bylaws, procedures and policies that are tied to it. One of the greatest lessons I have learned throughout my SWE journey is the ability to create a vision for my team members and understanding the impact this can have when leading and managing change. I compare this learning to being a captain of a ship: as the captain, you must be able to climb into the crow’s nest, see beyond the horizon and set a vision for your crew. Without seeing beyond the horizon and setting that vision for your team, you will run the risk of crashing your ship. As I continue to grow and develop throughout my SWE and professional careers, my goal is to continue to set a vision and be a beacon of light for future generations of female engineers.