## WIFI@work



**Melissa Patel** 



Meet WIFI member **Melissa Patel**, who works as a Team Leader for Account Management and Sourcing at **Field Fastener**. Here is Melissa in her own words:

Give us some background.

I began my career at Field 13 years ago. I studied at Rockford University with a B.S. in Business Management. I am currently on the board for Young Fastener Professionals.

How did you start in the fastener business, and what do you do now?

I started in billing (when it was a manual process), then started in purchasing, quoting, Account Management and Strategic Sourcing. For the past 15 months I have been a Team Leader for Account Management and Sourcing.

What is one accomplishment in your present job are you most proud of, and what is your favorite thing about your job?

I am most proud of the people I get to work with on a daily basis. I truly feel they are the greatest and bring so much to our organization, and also to me personally. I love working with my team and seeing them absorb feedback and implement those into action. Seeing progress and development is something that brings a smile to my face.

What is one thing we might not know about you that you would like the Fastener Industry to know?

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 8 years and have two amazing children. We live in Poplar Grove, Illinois