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## Fatima Campbell's Journey with KGa:

1. When did you begin your career with KGa?

*August 2016*

2. What was your initial job title?

*Project Administrator*

3. What is your current job title (and responsibilities)?

*Assistant Project Manager. My responsibilities are to assist in the life cycle of projects from the submittal stage to closeout. I contribute to all aspects of our Project and team and I often interact with all departments of KGa, from pre-construction to accounting.*

4. Why did you choose a career in the skilled trades/construction?

*I was offered the job coming from project managing with a bio-science firm. It was an opportunity that related to the work I was already doing. The only change was the venue and players. My choice was also influenced by taking a chance on learning a new trade. I was used to supporting and administrating a supplier of quantitative polymerase chain reaction reagents. Although it is a different field, the construction industry has given me a wide depth of field to see something from the ground up, much like see something from a microscope to a tangible product.*

5. How has your perception of the construction industry changed?

*My acuity has changed from not knowing much about the terms, regulations and sciences that go into building itself. It has made me more aware of the players, varied trades and the challenges we face in the construction industry. Focusing on glass has proven to be fascinating itself. The varied chemical composition of glass itself has been amazing to learn. Most importantly, my perception has shifted from seeing a building as just a building and now I can see the parts that make up a beautiful work of art.*

6. What do you love about your job?

*I love the art that we make on such a large and sometimes small scale.*

7. What is the biggest challenge of your job?

*The biggest trials I deal with daily is navigating the many personalities we deal with and focusing on trying to get the job completed beautifully despite set-backs.*

8. What career advice would you give to a high school student struggling to decide whether to pursue a typical college degree or pursue a career in the skilled trades?

*I would tell them to research many different jobs. You can still get into the construction industry with a college degree or you can just learn a trade directly. The construction industry is not limited to just trade work, although the misconception still exists. There are many different levels to the industry, mechanical, engineering, architecture, glazing, electrical, plumbing, interior designers, material engineering, logistics, fabrication of all sorts and even just sustainability management. I would strongly advice the students to reach out to companies and interview them to understand what part of industry would be interesting for them.*