Meet the Role Models

WINLPG Role Models introduce successful individuals in the LPG industry and gives an insight into their career path, their challenges and their advice to fellow WINLPG members.

At an academic level, I hold a post graduate degree in business management, through Wits Business School. I have various other post matric credits and certificates through MLS Technikon and KZN Business School in Marketing Sales and Supplychain Management, On a personal note, within my family I am seen as a centre of knowledge and one who is always called upon to facilitate discussions, which engender strong family ties. I have been married for 22 years with two adorable boys, Tristan (13 yrs) and Jayden (10 yrs).

My very first position was a Sales Consultant (quite ironic as many years later, currently back into my recently promoted role as Commercial Director).

Within the Petroleum Industry, I moved across various positions within BPSA in the Durban Region later promoted to Supply & Logistics Manager hence relocated to JHB. I am committed to establishing mutually beneficial relationships within the Industry, and used as an enabler to diversify the Supply & Logistics portfolio. I represented the team with pride & shared SA best practice which was adopted globally. Further to this, indeed a very proud moment, when I was intensively involved in a BP Employee Engagement - Community School Project, which stirred up an immense amount of interest throughout the company and was entered into the Helios Awards. Within BP, I was identified for a fast track women development programme and nominated onto a woman in leadership coaching programme. This was a fantastic opportunity and a great learning through an exceptional coach Margaret Townsend, who helped me deal with my fears and how to combat any challenges. Thereafter a platform flourished with increased skills acquired which include; Project, Strategy & change management. Crisis & Risk Management, Coaching, mentoring & leading through people towards achieving Operational excellence, all in all, a career span of a 12 years in BP.

As a result of BPSA's decision to exit its LPG Businesses, my position at BPSA transferred automatically to Oryx Energies. Since August 2013, I have been reporting directly to the Managing Director. Through my strong work ethic and successes, I continue to receive the desired support as a Woman in LPG hence appointment as Director and immense exposure into various external industry forums. My proven track record and being a diligent goal orientated person who is always eager to succeed and strives toward achieving the ultimate, places me in good stead to effectively execute and exceed any future objectives! All this has been made possible and continues due to the phenomenal support and leadership from a mentor and MD whom truly walks the talk of Woman Exposure within the LPG Industry, Mr Benoit Araman.

"BUSINESS INTEGRITY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ME HENCE ALWAYS PRIDE MYSELF IN CONDUCTING BUSINESS ON COMPANY’S BEHALF ETHICALLY, RESPONSIBLY & PROFESSIONALLY. OFTEN I HAVE BEEN APPRAISED AS SOMEONE WITH STRONG NETWORKS, MOTIVATED, COMMITTED AND A RESULTS DRIVEN TEAM PLAYER. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF HOLDING VARIOUS ROLES WITHIN THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. WHEN ONE MOVES AMONGST DIFFERENT POSITIONS, IT IS SO EASY TO BE OVERWHELMED BY THE WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON HAND, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO REMAIN FOCUSED AND RELISHED THE JOURNEY OF KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS ACQUIRED OVER THE LAST 17 YEARS BETWEEN CASTROL, BP AND CURRENTLY ORYX ENERGIES."
I want to make an impact on Aspiring Potential Woman Leaders. To be able to inspire, support and advocate a career move for deserving woman out there.

To perfect and deliver a success story of my recently promoted role as Commercial Director.

Learning never stops, one can never get enough advice, this I continue to do so through my current MD as my mentor.

I was fortunate to have been nominated on a woman’s fast track program whereby I was assigned a coach through a program called 'Conversations that Matter' a phenomenal career highlight for me. A confidence boost, self-branding experience that initiated my career acceleration.

Being firm yet fair. The ability to empower others around myself. To inspire confidence and take my team along with me.

To encourage positive thinking hence influence responsibility and discipline in everything we do.

To be authentic and honest and continue to encourage collaboration.

Women must not see success as an entitlement, they must earn it. The time is now to command your place in the boardroom.

Success is achieved through hard work, dedication and passion. Create your own success story.

Be inspired by, not intimidated by men.