

**Roles of Women in Manufacturing Series**

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# Shipping/Receiving in Manufacturing: Yahaira Bermudez, Ramona Campbell and Elizabeth Colin

Three women share their journeys to shipping/receiving in manufacturing, and give advice to anyone seeking a career in manufacturing.



You can't make the parts without bringing in the materials and tools, and you can't make money on the parts without shipping them. Our shop's shipping and receiving departments are critical to success.

### Yahaira Bermudez's Journey

Walk into the shipping and receiving department of

Somma Tool in Waterbury, Connecticut, and you'll find Yahaira Bermudez picking and packing for orders, receiving and examining incoming shipments and



Yahaira Bermudez

assisting in some production. She tested different trades in high school and fell in love with precision machining. She took the job at Somma Tool, likes the paperwork process and working with computers. Plus, Somma is training her for her dream job of machine operator and programmer.

### Ramona Campbell's Journey

Ramona Campbell serves as the shipping specialist at Precision Plus in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. She makes sure all the shipments



Ramona Campbell

are correct and sent with the proper paperwork. She enjoys that she can see all the different parts and appreciates that Precision Plus is allowing her to grow her skills.

### Elizabeth Colin's Journey

Elizabeth Collin was skeptical about taking the shipping and receiving position at Precision Plus in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, thinking that might not be the career path she wanted. But it turned out to be a great decision, because she now has shipping management duties and serves as the purchasing specialist assistant. She loves the opportunities afforded her in manufacturing.



Elizabeth Colin

### Advice to Women (or Anyone) Seeking a Career in Manufacturing

When asked for advice for women — or anyone — seeking a fulfilling career, Yahaira states, "Gender should not define what your qualities are in this industry. You're just as qualified as any other person in this role." Ramona shares, "Don't be afraid. Give it a try, especially when you like working with people is a good place to be." And Elizabeth says, "Stop stereotyping yourself and instead seek adventure with new possibilities. Never be afraid and be open to challenges." **P**

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