CAREER TRAX Q&A

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Q: Tell us a little bit about this company.
A: When you go to the doctor's office and you get that sample drawn, where does it go from there? They come to us. They come to us for storage and testing. There are millions of samples drawn everyday and they can't be tested all at once, especially during an active pandemic. They need to be stored until it is time for testing.

Q: Can you describe a typical day for you?
A: There are samples that can't even be exposed to the regular light. There are samples that even at -20C or -80, that's just not cold enough. Many of these samples have to be kept super, super cold, I like to refer to it as the cold version of lava. You definitely want to wear your PPE when working with it. That's what we do. We store them and make sure they are safe until they are tested.

Q: How long have you been here?
A: I have been in my current role here since January (2021) but I have been working in a lab setting for almost eight years since I was 18.

Q: Why did you choose this career?
A: My mother was actually a histologist so this has been in my blood my whole life.

Q: Where did you go to school?
A: I am actually still in school. I am going to IUPUI for a degree in medical laboratory science. Then I will go for a Masters in Histology. My mom passed away in a car accident a couple years ago and that gave me a kick in the pants and I became really, really, really motivated to go after my degree and my career. I think she definitely would have been proud of me. She definitely would have wanted me to keep doing what I'm doing.

Q: What do you like most about working here?
A: I like my atmosphere here. I love my coworkers. We all work hand in hand together very well. We are literally hand to hand working with patients. We may not be face to face with the patient but I'm handling the most important part of their body. A lot of trust and dedication goes into that for me. I really enjoy what I do and I think we make a big difference.