"Creating a Culture of Opportunities for Women Leaders at the Target Corporation"

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Stacey Gellner  Senior Group Leader  Target Distribution
Stacy Gellner is a 2001 graduate of the Fisher College of Business with specializations in Operations Management and Purchasing. Her first career position was in Purchasing and Production Planning with Sensotec Technology. She then moved into the Transportation and Logistics with TNT Logistics, a third party service provider working companies such as Honda, Ford, and Home Depot. Stacey joined the Target Corporation six years ago, as an Operations Group Leader in Regional Distribution servicing 55 to 75 stores annually. She has also served as Production Controller before moving into her most recent position as a Senior Group Leader at the West Jefferson Distribution Center.

Kelly Sakai  Store Team Leader  Target
Kelly Sakai is originally from Brecksville, Ohio but has called Columbus home since starting at The Ohio State University. She graduated in 2006 from the Fisher College of Business specializing in Marketing. As a student, she completed an undergraduate thesis with the dean of undergraduate programs, Rao Unnava. Very few students tackle this year long research project during their senior year. She analyzed what happens to the sales of an author's books when one of his/her works wins an award (e.g., Pulitzer) Rao says that she is a delightful person and Jason from Target recruiting tells me she is one of their most successful recruits at Fisher. Kelly was recruited to join Target and accepted an Executive Team Leader position in Human Resources upon graduation. She was promoted to Store Team Leader after just two years and has been running the Easton Target store for the past year. Target has provided her with the opportunity to recruit and develop future talent from her Alma Mater, which has been a very rewarding experience.

“Diversity at Target isn’t a program or a campaign. It’s a core value that we integrate into every area of our business, 365 days a year. Diversity within a team or work group helps drive the innovative, thoughtfully debated ideas that will help us achieve our most important goal: delivering an exceptional shopping experience for our guests. Having a high-performing, diverse and passionate team is a business imperative, and fostering an inclusive culture is a crucial component of our vision for becoming the Best Company Ever.”

Chairman, President and CEO, Gregg Steinhafel