What have been some of your greatest challenges & how have you overcome them?

At this point in my career, I think the greatest challenge that I have had to face is trying to lead a team from many different backgrounds as a young woman. In many cultures, including the American culture, it is often difficult to gain respect and trust from a team if you do not have many years of experience in your field and sometimes it is hard to gain respect and trust as a woman. I have overcome these challenges by being tenacious in my determination to solve the problem in the best possible way – proving to my teammates that I have the knowledge and skills to make wise decisions and lead them to effective problem resolution.

Describe how you have balanced your career and personal life. Were there any corporate or professional programs that helped you advance both personally and professionally? Is there anything you wish you had known “then” or could have done differently?

Luckily, I have not had much trouble in balancing my career and personal life so far in my career. I always make sure to take time for myself – use my vacation time every year, and use flexible working days to work from home or get away for an hour if there is something important to me that needs to get done. I think the most important thing you can do is to be clear about your priorities and constantly review what you are doing to make sure it is in line with what is most important to you.