

WOMEN OF MAITRI  
**CHELSEA**  
INVENTORY MANAGER

**WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO PURSUE A CAREER IN CANNABIS, AND WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO CONTINUE IN THIS FIELD?**

My personal journey led me to have a passion for cannabis long before employment with Maitri. I was ecstatic and hopeful when PA legalized MMJ and dispensary doors opened early in 2018. I never thought Fayette County would ever get a dispensary, especially never Uniontown, the heart of my town. And during Phase I?! I was stunned, but knew I had to become an employee. It was an easy transition from the Pharmacy Technician position I was working at the current time. I had a lot of patient crossover between the two jobs, which was great! Many patients already knew and trusted me and I got to continue helping them obtain better health but in a much better, more rewarding and less guilt feeling way than traditional pharmacy. That is why I continue to work in this industry. I may not be working face-to-face with our patients still, but I saw first hand how this medicine helps more people than just myself and I know helping patients is what we are doing as a company everyday.

**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHER WOMEN WHO ASPIRE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN CANNABIS?**

As Shania Twain one said, "Let's Go Girls!". Cannabis is another male dominated industry, but that doesn't mean woman can't make an impact! Woman can offer a different vision altogether, and I personally feel that is very valuable. I would love to see more woman join us to collaborate and create new ideas to help us all grow and sustain a great industry.

**ARE THERE ANY FEMALE MENTORS OR ROLE MODELS WHO HAVE INFLUENCED YOUR CAREER IN CANNABIS? IF SO, HOW?**

All of my female co-workers. We are a minority in numbers, but we are of great value to this company. Majority of manager positions within Maitri are held by females, and I think that should be celebrated!

**LASTLY, HOW DO YOU BELIEVE CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT THE REPRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF WOMEN IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY?**

I think it will give a great boost of confidence to know we are recognized, thought about, and celebrated. I know it did for me! :) Also, I think it's always great to celebrate Women because everything we have now is because of another Woman's fight. We were never given anything, we've always earned it.

