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Mechel Dean

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN YOUR LINE OF WORK AND WHAT GOT *you* STARTED?

Well, we bought Buds RV and Grocery about four years ago. My husband was in law enforcement for 15 years and I was able to be a stay-at-home mom. When we were looking to get him out of law enforcement into a new career, we looked at purchasing an RV park and found Buds which is close to where my husband grew up."

Mechel with husband Adam and her dogs



WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD TELL OTHER women GOING INTO YOUR LINE OF WORK?

"Be prepared to be flexible and work hard. A challenge that I have is I don't like being a boss. I like treating people and employees as if they are on the same level as me. I don't know if that works against me or for me, but I just feel like we're all equal. Being in charge doesn't come naturally to me as far as reprimanding. I look at it as a team and we all need to do our parts to be successful."



HOW DID YOU MANAGE POWER STRUCTURES & IMPOSTER SYNDROME EARLY IN YOUR CAREER VS. LATER IN *your* CAREER?

"So this question kind of confuses me a little bit. My power structure. I don't view as me being on top, I have a strong faith in God and I view everyone else that comes into my life as equal. And so I don't feel like I'm any better. Because of my position. I try to see things through everyone else's views. So I put myself alongside of them and not above them."

Mechel with husband Adam and their kids



TELL US A PROJECT OR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN YOUR CAREER *you* ARE MOST PROUD OF?

"Well, the first thing that comes to mind is my family, my relationship with my husband is something I'm very proud of. We have a very successful marriage and I was modeled that as a child. So that's super important to me. I was able to stay home and raise three amazing children, who have all turned out to be really good humans. So, above all, that's my biggest accomplishment."



WHAT DO *you* WANT TO ACHEIVE NEXT?

“Well, I'm going to be a grandma for the second time here pretty soon so I love spending time as a family. Up until this point, we've been understaffed and so I would love to build a team that wants to work together as a family, for beds, so we can pull together so we can all maximize our time off together and so I can spend more time with my family.”



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"Advice for women? Go for it. Do your thing. Don't hold back" - Lori Lum

"Be strong, yet willing to take chances" - Julie Lum