Lindsey McCarty, M.B.A., P.E.

OVERVIEW The mission of the WiE Alumna Series is to inform and inspire current female students in the University of Oklahoma (OU) Gallogly and Mewbourne colleges through the elucidation of the diversity of opportunity related to positively impacting society through academic and professional pursuits. This WiE Series edition highlights an OU alum, Lindsey McCarty, and features her personal journey.

MOTIVATION Lindsey’s dad, a geophysicist for Conoco, fostered an interest in the oil and gas sector from an early age. She has always been fascinated by rocks, and spent hours playing ‘oil company’ with her sister and best friend as a child. Based largely on her affinity for math, Lindsey’s dad encouraged her from the age of 12 to pursue engineering as a career path. This background, coupled with her desire for a career that would allow her to move around and see different parts of the world, led Lindsey to the Petroleum Engineering program at the University of Oklahoma.

DEVELOPMENT Lindsey received her bachelor’s degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 2008, an M.B.A. from the University of Houston in 2012, and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Wyoming. She worked for Marathon Oil for 9 years, where she was given exposure to production, reservoir, completions, planning, and management roles as she moved from Oklahoma City to Houston to Wyoming. For the past 2 years she has served as Vice President - Reservoir Engineering and Business Development for PayRock II, a private oil and gas operator. In 2018 Lindsey was named one of Oil and Gas Investor’s Forty Under 40 honorees.

APPLICATION In her current role as an executive member at PayRock II, Lindsey enjoys having a voice and getting to directly impact the strategy and direction of the company. She also appreciates the fast pace of a small company, as well as the opportunity to interface with many facets of the oil and gas industry that she would never have come in contact with within a larger organization.

INSIGHT Lindsey has observed that women bring a unique and valuable perspective to historically male-dominated industries, which the world is beginning to recognize and demand. Furthermore, she firmly believes that women can and should be able to “have it all”: challenging jobs, successful careers, and happy families.

QUOTES AND THEIR IMPACT The harder you work, the luckier you get. – Gary Player
Lindsey says, “In my experience, 3 things contribute to success: you, other people, and luck. You can only directly control the first, so focus your energy on that and always give your best effort. You can influence the second, so be good to people and aim to be someone others want to see succeed. Nobody can control the third, so be grateful when it goes your way and patient when it doesn’t.”