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My name is Jacob Podstawa, and I grew up in central NJ, where my early years of management began in restaurants and nightclubs at the Jersey shore. While getting my feet wet in management, I attended New Jersey City University, where I received my Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

After graduation, I left the restaurant world and began my career in distribution as a Department Supervisor for a global wire, cable and security distributor in Cranbury, NJ. Over the course of 6 years, I was able to use my education and experience to gain an Operations Manager role in multiple distribution centers within the company's network. While in that role, I gained a great deal of experience as a leader in building management transitions and became a member of the company's internal audit team.

I then took on a role in Production Control at Tesla's Gigafactory, before I was able to make the move to join Turn 14's growing team.

Since joining Turn 14, I helped lead the opening and expansion of a new and fully automated DC in Reno, NV. There I enjoyed helping develop structure and processes to support our rapid growth, which allowed me to move back home to the east coast and take on the Senior Operations Manager Role at our Hatfield, PA distribution center.