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2020 Women in Construction: Hannah Augustyn, CMST Assistant Project Manager at Shawmut Design & Construction

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When I'm not working I am...Traveling! I have been to 15 countries in the last 10 years, including Iceland at the beginning of the year.

What was your greatest professional achievement or most notable project in the last 12 months? I think my greatest achievement in the past year has been working on the St. Luke's Hospital ICU Renovation, which began in May 2019 and will be wrapping soon. I am an Assistant Project Manager on this job, but I have spent the last few months on site, allowing me to also act as an Assistant Superintendent. It has been a great opportunity to help solve day-to-day issues on site and build relationships with each subcontractor. This project has also given me a stepping-stone into working in healthcare.

What are you doing differently in 2020 that has had a positive impact on your career? This year, I am volunteering at Roger Williams University (my alma mater) as a mentor in the senior construction capstone class. Through this opportunity, I have been able to build relationships with the students and give advice on their assignments throughout their semester-long project. Volunteering on behalf of Shawmut motivates me to work harder and smarter. In addition, it is great to be able to positively impact the students and give them advice before they start their careers.

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