Meet <u>Anna Stulga</u>, a dynamic and people-driven professional shaping the future of supply chain logistics. As a Senior Manager of Transportation Operations at <u>Armada Supply Chain Solutions</u>, Anna brings strategic thinking, hands-on leadership, and a passion for relationship building to the forefront of her role—qualities that earned her a place in the <u>National Industrial Transportation League's (NITL)</u> inaugural Emerging Leaders Program.

Raised in Pittsburgh and a proud graduate of the **University of Pittsburgh** with a B.S. in Business Management, Anna originally considered a career in the medical field. However, her interest soon shifted to the business world, where she discovered a passion for driving results through collaboration and strategic execution. A college class involving airplanes piqued her interest in logistics—an interest that has since blossomed into a thriving career.

Anna began her professional journey at **PNC Bank** as a customer service representative. Even in this early role, her strong interpersonal skills and drive to succeed stood out—earning her recognition as a regional top performer. Her entry into the supply chain world came through **Armada Supply Chain Solutions**, where she started as a **Supply Chain Coordinator**, quickly excelling in logistics optimization and real-time strategic execution.

Her trajectory then took her to **PepsiCo**, where she managed dedicated fleet operations at the Tropicana plant in Bradenton, Florida. This role expanded her experience in large-scale logistics, team leadership, cost control, and cross-functional collaboration—skills she brought back with her to Armada in 2019.

Today, Anna oversees over \$1 billion in freight spend and manages logistics for hundreds of thousands of truckloads annually, ensuring seamless delivery for major food and beverage clients. Her team has implemented data-driven solutions that improved service reliability and streamlined inbound hub redistribution, showcasing her commitment to operational excellence and innovation.

With **e**ight national accounts, as well as Inbound Hub operations, three direct reports, and over 25 indirect reports, Anna takes pride in her team's performance. In fact, the past two years have marked their best results, with a forecast for this year of a 97% performance rate—a testament to her empowering leadership style and strong team culture.

"I lead by example," Anna shares. "I believe in empowering my team while providing the guidance they need. Accountability, transparency, continuous feedback, and collaboration are all critical to our success. Their success is my success."

Anna's passion for her work is unmistakable. She thrives on solving complex problems, mentoring emerging talent, and building lasting client relationships. It is this dedication

that has earned her numerous industry accolades, including the **Food Logistics Champion Award** and the **Back Haul Optimization Award**.

As a member of NITL's Emerging Leaders Program, Anna is eager to broaden her perspective, connect with fellow leaders, and contribute to shaping the future of the industry. "I'm excited to learn, grow, and help develop the next generation of transportation leaders," she says.

Outside the office, Anna brings the same energy and empathy to her community and personal life. She volunteers with the <u>Westmoreland Heritage Trail</u>, travels extensively—having explored everywhere from Munich, Switzerland, to Portugal to countless islands—and enjoys cooking, quality time with her family and her cat Pebbles, and the strong family ties that ground her. She credits her interpersonal strengths to her mother, "an angel," and her tenacity to her father—both of whom continue to inspire her every day.

Anna Stulga exemplifies what it means to be an emerging leader: strategic, compassionate, and committed to progress. Her story is one of growth, resilience, and a relentless drive to make a difference—not just in logistics, but in every life, she touches along the way.