



**Team Member:** Farren Paton

**Age:** 25

**Profession:** Packaging Engineer

**Employment:** Novartis Animal Health Greensboro, North Carolina

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### **Personal Profile**

Farren is a 25 year old Packaging Engineer living close to her hometown in Greensboro, North Carolina. Farren is a happy newlywed to her husband Greg who is originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They both currently reside in lovely North Carolina. She is the oldest sibling with a younger brother attending a four-year university at UNC-Greensboro and her parents are located in the piedmont area.

After graduating in 2006 with a Bachelors Degree from Michigan State University she accepted a packaging engineer position with Mattel, Inc a toy manufacture located in Los Angeles, California. She worked specifically on the Barbie line and travelled to Hong Kong to work on a product launch. In the beginning of 2008 Farren and her husband relocated to Greensboro, North Carolina and she accepted a position with Novartis Animal Health. She works on the companion animal lines, such as Sentinel, Interceptor, Deramaxx, etc. At the beginning of 2009 she travelled to corporate headquarters in Basel, Switzerland for a packaging forum and collaboration with Basel colleagues.

Farren continues to be active in her industry by networking at Institute of Packaging Professional chapter meetings, obtaining her Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) certification in 2008 and works towards career development through attending trade shows, forums and conferences. She enjoys working as a packaging engineer and finds her chosen career profession both challenging and rewarding at the end of the day.

Apart from her career, Farren is an avid equestrian; she teaches riding lessons, trains horses and shows in the hunter/jumper circuit. If possible, she would be thrilled to visit with horses while in Australia. She also feels fortunate to be a part of the GSE team travelling to district 9640 of Australia and looks forward to networking, building new friendships and enjoying the wonderful parts of New South Wales and Queensland, Australia.