

MEDIA RELEASE**Contact: Whitney Fike**

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Holmes Promoted to Manager, Communications, Global Manufacturing System**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – November 1, 2017 - International Paper announced Whitney Fike has been named Manager, Communications for its Pensacola Containerboard and Pulp Mill in Cantonment, Fla. In her new leadership role, Fike will be responsible for the mill's internal and external communications, which includes employee communications, media relations and community engagement.

Most recently, Fike owned a public relations company, Sparkplug Social, and worked with clients on public relations plans, social media management and content development. She has a vast background of communications experience and has worked in a variety of sectors including not-for-profit, government, tourism, financial, entertainment and events throughout her career.

Fike is a founding member of the local *Lean In* chapter, past-president of the Florida Public Relations Association Pensacola chapter and a 2012 graduate of Leadership Pensacola. Fike and her family reside in the Pensacola area.

In a related move, Janice Cooper Holmes has been promoted to Manager, Communications, Global Manufacturing System for International Paper. In her new leadership position, Holmes will provide strategic communications planning and support for IP's Global Manufacturing System and serves as the subject matter expert for employee communications across the company, globally.

Most recently, Holmes was the Manager, Communications for the Pensacola Mill and prior to that Director, Communications for the University of West Florida. Holmes is a past-president of the Junior League of Pensacola, a 2003 graduate of Leadership Pensacola and currently serves as chair of the Creative Learning Academy Board of Trustees. Holmes and her family will continue to reside in the Pensacola area.

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