



Name: John J. Blankemeyer

Years at Penn: 20

Years at FRES: 15

Job title (and brief description of job duties):

Area Manager for the School of Arts and Sciences. Liaison between SAS and FRES. Assist in resolving any facilities related issues that may arise.

Have you taken any classes, received a degree, or attended any lectures at Penn? If so, please describe...

I have attended Wharton evening business classes.

Have any family members attended Penn (i.e. children, spouse)?

My youngest son Paul is an undergraduate Senior.

What is your proudest achievement, personal or while working at Penn?

My proudest personal achievement is raising my family. My proudest UPenn achievement is participating in the Process Improvement Team (Lean) and collaborating on new building projects: BRB2/3, Skirkanich, Golkin, and now Perelman.

What is your favorite building on campus?

Fisher Fine Arts Library- for the details, architectural style and spaces.

What is your favorite Penn tradition, event, or memory?

The Penn Relays and Commencement bring thousands together and showcase hard work and teamwork of participants and organizers.

Favorite place on campus to eat/drink? ...to shop? ...to sit quietly? ...to gather with friends/coworkers?

Magic Carpet is a healthy meal and good value, Greek Lady when hunger strikes. The Bio-Pond/Kaskey Park and the tables behind Lerner are good get-aways.

What is your best habit? ...or best hidden talent?

I like to take things apart (and hopefully put them back together).

What talent or power would you most like to have?

Mind reading.

What are your favorite things to do in your free time, outside of work?

Going to the beach or being on the water, being outside, working on the house or cars.

What is the best lesson you ever learned?

Progress is not possible without change.

What characteristic or trait do you most value in your colleagues?

Honesty.

What is your motto, words to live by, or best advice?

Everyone makes mistakes, successful people do not repeat them.