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How long have you been at FRES?

7 months (since January 2021)

Job title (and brief description of what you do at FRES):

Project Manager – Design & Construction, supporting projects at the Perelman School of Medicine

Have you or any family members attended Penn for classes or a degree (i.e. children, spouse)?

My mother-in-law, SPP'84 and uncle W'80

What led you to this career?

When I was studying Industrial Engineering, I learned that while I appreciated learning about the math and theory behind the concepts of continuous improvement and data analysis, the idea of sitting behind a desk crunching numbers for my career seemed pretty boring. It wasn't until I started taking project management electives that I started to appreciate how broad the application of problem solving skills could really be. Every project is different and has new challenges which seemed like a much better alternative to math modeling!

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

I enjoy being outside and traveling to new places, ideally where I can bring my dog!

What is the best lesson you ever learned?

Everyone approaches things from their own perspective, be it their past experience, job responsibilities or personality. You have the chance to learn something from everyone if you take the time to listen.

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

Empathy.

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

Yogi Berra's "You can observe a lot by watching" – always a good reminder that the answer could be right in front of you