



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.