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Name:

Jennifer Kinhead

What year did you start working at FRES?

2018

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

Director, Design & Construction, Facilities and Real Estate Services.

How does what you do at FRES move Penn, the city, or our region forward?

I primarily support the development of Penn's capital infrastructure for the School of Arts & Sciences and the School of Engineering and Applied Science. These are two Schools at Penn that are continually engaged in ground-breaking teaching, research and scholarship.

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

My father attended Penn Law School.

My son will be starting at Penn in the fall in the Master of Computer Information Technology Program in the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

What led you to this career?

A lifelong interest in art, design, math and engineering led to a 25-year career in architecture and planning for higher education clients. That led to a natural transition to the “owner” side when I joined the FRES project management team at Penn 6 years ago.

What is your proudest achievement, personally or professionally?

Raising my 2 children.

Who is your favorite hero (fictional or real life)?

My father. He taught me about honesty, integrity, and humility through the way he lived his life. I strive to meet his example every day.

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

Spending time with my husband and 2 children, especially traveling together as a family.

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

I admire those who relate well to others and know how to use humor to break the ice.

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

Ask questions. Be curious. Pay attention. It’s OK to acknowledge if you don’t have the answer.