

Dr. David Wetzel

David Wetzel started his career as a United Auto Worker at Rockwell International and as a draftsman at Larsan manufacturing, maker of handsaws for Sears. These two jobs, along with layoffs and plant closures, convinced our young lad that he needed a "higher education." He received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1984, M.S. in Engineering Science/Manufacturing Systems from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1990, and Ph.D. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from The Ohio State University with minors in Management/Human Resources and Industrial Organizational Psychology in 1995. Armed with these credentials, he spent the next several years working as an engineer, manager, director, vice president, and advisor in the transactional, computer, food, and auto industries.



He is a certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt, deBono Practitioner, Self-Directed Work Teams Facilitator (Cornell University), and Project Management Professional (PMI). He has worked with companies in Japan, Korea, Kosovo, Ireland, Mexico, and the US. He has mentored over 300 project teams resulting in millions of verified savings. He has provided customized training, course development, certification, and services for top US and international consulting firms. His client list has included Raiffeisen Bank, KPMG, Ernst and Young, Dell, IBM, Tennessee Valley Authority, Scientific Columbus, Xerox, Arthur Andersen, Pyramid, George Group, Oriel, Stat-a-Matrix, Greenville Community College, Siegel-Roberts, General Electric, Chemetall, Eli Lilly, DeCA, Cooper, Samsung, Ohio State Research Foundation, Worthington Steel, Cavalier, CORC, Rockwell Automation, US Army, and Work Force Solutions.

He has taught at The Ohio State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Columbus State, University of Pittsburgh, and Austin Community College. He has taught internationally in Mexico, Kosovo, Dubai, Ireland, and China. He is the author of several journal publications, dozens of online articles, and over forty white papers. His latest grant was awarded for, Experiential Labs and Exercises to Enhance Creativity and Interaction in Engineering Classrooms. He has been recognized in Who's Who among America's Teachers, Engineering Management Professor of the Year, and, his personal favorite, Golden Catapult Award, UTC Engineering Student Body. He is married to Julie, with whom he has five children: Tyler, Ethan, Lauren, Zane, and Olivia. They reside in Europe, Texas, and New York.