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Employee Success Story

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I grew up in New Berlin WI, a suburb of Milwaukee. I joined the Marine Reserves after high school and did my service while attending UW Madison. After graduating college with a business / accounting degree, I worked as an accountant at Wisconsin Power & Light. Sitting at a desk all day in a suit and tie (mandatory at the time) was not cutting it, so I and a partner bought a fledgling bakery business and turned it into a combination bakery & deli. Waking up at 3am six days a week to make the doughnuts, it got to be too much. So, after 3 years we sold the business.

For a change of pace, I got into the construction industry, framing, roofing, and siding residential and light commercial buildings. After 7 years in construction, I got married and started a family. I needed a dependable job with benefits, so I went back to corporate office work, where I have been for the last 25 years. I have been with Beacon for the last 7 years, contracted with Alliant Energy as a Cost Specialist in the construction unit's project controls group.

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Wisconsin Wineries: The Locally Produced Wine Experience

Did you know about 1,300 acres of grapes are grown here in Wisconsin to produce wines at more than 100 wineries across the state? [Click here](#) for a list of five distinct regions that deserve a visit!

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Interesting Project

I am currently working on the “Energy Dome” project. Alliant Energy has contracted Energy Dome LLC, an Italian Company, to construct a “Long Duration Energy Storage System.” It will be the first project in the United States to utilize carbon dioxide-based energy storage technology. Alliant received a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to help finance the construction cost. One of my responsibilities is to prepare the DOE grant reimbursement requests. You can check it out [here](#).

Family

My wife works in childcare at Woods Hollow in Fitchburg. We have three kids. Cora is a first-grade teacher in Eau Claire, WI. Ryan is a senior engineer at Darkaero (aerospace industry) in Madison, WI. Roy is a customer service rep at Catalyst Graphics in Minneapolis, MN.

Hobbies

I am an abundantly curious person. Activities currently taking up my non-work hours include raising monarch butterflies from eggs I find in my yard, making sourdough bread, searching for great tasting coffee, gardening, going to farmer’s markets and doing any form of exercising with remaining time.



Beacon Summer Picnic Photos



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Reminders

Mark your Calendar!



PMI Madison/South Central WI Professional Development Day 2025

When: October 1st

Where: Monona Terrace, Madison, WI

Why: Professional Networking! Fun socializing with your peers! Amazing speakers! Beacon will once again sponsor this event, and we are proud to support this great organization in our local community. [Register now!](#)

Scrum Day 2025:

Join us at Madison Marriott West on October 16th for Scrum Day! Scrum Day Wisconsin will feature workshops and informative talks including Evidence-Based Management, Managing Flow, Product Ownership and more. There is no better opportunity to learn from Scrum experts and colleagues! Beacon is a Platinum sponsor of this fantastic opportunity. [Register now](#) to secure your seat.



Beacon Buzz

10 Interesting Facts about Madison (According to 608Today City Guide)

1. Official city bird — the plastic pink flamingo is an homage to an infamous UW-Madison student prank.
2. Made entirely of granite, the state capitol's dome is the largest in the US.
3. There is a "Madison curse" on movies filmed in the 608. Big-budget projects filmed here often fall short of success.
4. The first bone marrow transplant in the US was done at the UW Hospital in 1968.
5. At 3618 E. Washington Ave., you'll find the Elvis Presley Fight Site monument. Legend has it, Elvis was on his way to a local hotel when he had his limo driver pull over so he could stop a fight via his karate skills.
6. Madison is one of only two major US cities on an isthmus, Seattle being the other.
7. The Dane County Farmer's Market is the largest producer-only market in the country.
8. In honor of Wisconsin's agricultural heritage, the famous Memorial Union chairs are made in three specialty colors: John Deere green, and Allis Chalmers orange & yellow.
9. The popular satirical media company, The Onion, was founded in 1988 by UW-Madison students Tim Keck and Christopher Johnson.
10. Nirvana recorded "Nevermind" in Madison at Smart Studios at 1254 E. Washington Ave.

Employee Anniversaries

July

Gregory Perez - 1 year
 Kathy Maglio - 8 years
 Michael Saunders - 7 years
 Michael Bauer - 4 years
 Neha Surya Gouni - 1 year

August

Mohamed Ibrahim - 2 years
 Tyler Erickson - 9 years
 Jordan Ward - 8 years
 Mamatha Krishna Poluru - 2 years

September

Grant Huhn - 1 year
 Alan Broughton - 1 year
 Jean Burke - 7 years
 Darrin DeMarb - 1 year
 Rebecca Rosenthal - 10 years
 Charles Onwuka - 1 year



Upcoming Events

HELL^o Summer

Click the images below for more information on things to do this summer throughout Wisconsin & Nationwide!

Madison



Milwaukee



Fox Cities



Statewide



Nationwide

