

Wilbert A. Whitfield

Senior Supply Chain Leader with over 37 years of experience across various high volume white goods production facilities and localities. Accomplished in creating harmonious team culture; improving safety and health environments; planning and executing strategic operating plans to deliver profitability.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GE Appliances, a Haier company
Senior Lean Coach

Louisville, KY
June 2018 - February 2022

- * Devised and applied new training curriculum to transform GE Appliances manufacturing facilities in the practice of Lean Manufacturing
- * Coached high potential mid-level factory leaders in the principles and application of lean tools one-on-one
- * Analyzed underperforming operations and delivered process improvement plans based on Lean manufacturing for 4 high production factories producing different appliances

GE Appliances/GE Appliances, a Haier company
Plant Manager/Operations Leader

Winchester, VA
July 1998 - May 2018

- * Senior site executive leading the largest Incandescent lamp plant in North America, responsible for customer service, production cost/efficiency, safety and welfare of +400 staff and associates
- * Senior site executive for dual product manufacturing facilities, producing Hybrid water heaters and Zone-line air conditioners
- * Operations Leader and site executive for 2 different large refrigerator manufacturing facilities, offering experience to both unionized and non-unionized workforces.

GE
Commodity Buyer/6 Sigma Blackbelt

Louisville, KY
February 1985 - July 1998

- * Various roles of development from MMP Corporate training program, Commodity Buyer, Consumer Services Program Manager, to Six Sigma blackbelt
- * Coached statical based problem solving techniques in the factory environment

EDUCATION

Tennessee State University
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Nashville, TN
December 1984

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- * 2nd year leading 3 JCPS 5th grade boys clubs (Schackette, King, and Byck Elementary schools)
- * Regional committee assignments for two professional Fraternities
- * Served as board member for 4 public and private organizations