



2008 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

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Over the past few years, I have had numerous opportunities to learn, appreciate, and practice leadership. The most recent of which, has been my apprentice rotation into the O26 Production and Maintenance Skills Training department. In an effort to reduce the time it takes to develop new employees into proficient mechanics, I am the exclusive on-the-job instructor for approximately 150 employees from the outside machinist department I need of such training. This position requires above average competency of craft, and excellent communication and organizational skills. Concurrently, I am also proud to serve as the 2007 Individual Development Vice President for The Apprentice School Jaycees, and as co-chair and contributing writer for The Apprentice School Builder Bulletin. Original thought and creative writing skills are prerequisites of each of these positions. A significant amount of my leadership experience, however, has come through working on the waterfront, in particular, as the lead mechanic for the waterbrakes aboard CVN 69 and more recently as a propulsion mechanic aboard SSN 777. Both ships and experiences stand out because I was able learn the significance of leadership and its applicability to not only the shipbuilding industry, but at home and in the community as well. Moreover, the most fulfilling leadership experience, and the one with greatest implications, is being a father to a nine year old son and a four year old girl. This is where leadership is most instrumental—the growth and development of children into good citizens and contributors to society. Leadership is a novel science, and one that implies immense responsibility. Inasmuch, I will endeavor to learn all that I can through every opportunity with the purpose and intention to disseminate the types of opportunities available to me to others. I view The Apprentice School Jaycees as the catalyst for such growth and I look forward to continuing to this trend as the 2008 Business Management Vice President.