

BRAIN GAIN

The best way to predict the future is to create it

Lisa Klopfenstein, Human Resource Manager for Grain Processing Corporation graduated from Barr Reeve High School in 1990. Immediately following high school Lisa began her college studies at Vincennes University and graduated in Business Administration in 1992. After a one year break from school she enrolled in Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana to finish her degree in business administration. She also concentrated in Public Relations/ Communications while there and received a Bachelor's Degree in 1995. During her last year of college Lisa began working as a temporary employee in Human Resources at a Goshen area manufacturing company. This opportunity confirmed her interest and skills and thus began her career in the field of HR.

In 1998 Grain Processing Corporation hired her as the HR Manager for the new Washington, IN facility, Lisa moved to Muscatine, IA for a year, and ultimately back to Daviess County. Lisa said, "As we were getting to a time when we were thinking about having a family, I wanted to raise my kids near their cousins." She also knew the community and its values and that helped in her decision to return. Lisa also stated, "It has been very fulfilling to employ locals who left Washington and the surrounding areas to get their education and wanted to return here to work." As many of the original management and supervisory staff that started the plant in Washington return to their home in Iowa, replacement leadership has been found in the ranks of those who Lisa hired in the last 13 years. Additionally, her husband Doug, although not a native, found employment here at Barr Reeve as a teacher and that made the family transition a success.

Lisa, her husband and two children are very involved in their church, Harvest Community Fellowship in Washington. She and her daughter recently performed in The Promise. She currently serves on the Power House Board and with Junior Achievement in the local schools. Lisa states, I am thankful over and over that GPC built a plant in Washington, Indiana because it has allowed a chance for those, like myself, to stay and work in the community that we love!"

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