

# Thomas Van Etten

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Thomas Van Etten is a Quality Manager with a strong background in manufacturing.

Having spent a majority of his career in injection molding, Thomas has held positions that have included processor, machinist, production supervisor and manager. He has been a part of successful start-up operations, clean room facilities and tier 2 automotive suppliers.

Adept at developing and implementing process improvements, Thomas has been on numerous real-world Kaizen, Lean and Global Process Improvement teams. He has utilized lean and six sigma concepts in various capacities for many years and continues to apply continuous improvement techniques to everyday projects.

Active in the community, Thomas has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity projects, at the Cabarrus Night Shelter and most recently coaching for various sports at the YMCA.

Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science degree with a dual major in Economics and Business Administration from Pfeiffer University. He also completed a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at Pfeiffer University in less than one year.

His certifications include:

- Six Sigma Black Belt
- Six Sigma Green Belt
- ISO 9001:2008 Internal Auditor