JOHNATHAN STONE

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Project and operations professional with nearly three years in manufacturing, delivering corrective-action programs, cross-site technology transfers, and a new production line ramp-up alongside cross-functional teams and executive stakeholders. Currently lead the plant's largest group (20+ employees across two lines); previously served as Interim Quality Manager and primary liaison between operations, engineering, and executive leadership. Experienced building project plans and schedules, tracking progress against targets, maintaining dashboards, status reports, and risk logs, and coordinating corrective action when work falls off track. Apply structured Agile and Waterfall methods to keep complex work on time and on quality. Pursuing IBM Project Management Professional Certificate.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Project Delivery: Project Planning & Scheduling | Resource Allocation | Status Reporting | Risk & Issue Tracking | Variance Tracking & Corrective Action | Agile & Waterfall

Client & Stakeholder: Executive & Stakeholder Communication | Cross-Functional Coordination | Requirements & Process Documentation | Validation, Training & Deployment Support

Tools & Analytics: Excel (dashboards, tracking tools) | Asana | Teamwork | SQL, MySQL, phpMyAdmin | KPI Reporting | Pareto & Root Cause Analysis | 8D / CAPA | Lean

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Operational Group Leader, Small Shapes | Vesuvius *July 2026 – Present*

Lead the largest production group in the plant: 20+ employees across a newly launched line and a legacy line; accountable for output, quality, staffing, and performance.

- Lead an 8-week backlog depletion initiative: set targets, sequence work, assign people across shifts and lines, and report progress and variances to plant leadership.
- Plan labor and schedules against production demand, balancing priorities between a new line ramping up and an established line, and adjusting plans as constraints emerge.
- Coordinate with engineering, maintenance, quality, and planning to remove blockers and keep deliverables on schedule.
- Built Excel and mobile-friendly tracking tools for hourly productivity, quality rejects, oven loading, and attendance, giving leadership real-time visibility into KPIs, bottlenecks, and status.
- Apply root cause analysis and corrective action discipline to cut rework and keep both lines running to standard.
- Train, coach, and develop operators; set clear expectations for quality, safety, and output, and apply attendance policy consistently.

Interim Quality Manager / QA Technician | Vesuvius *July 2024 – July 2026*

Promoted to interim leadership during a management transition; accountable for project oversight, quality governance, and cross-site coordination.

- Managed end-to-end corrective action projects using 8D methodology, leading root cause analysis, risk assessment, and solution implementation across cross-functional teams.
- Served as primary liaison between operations, engineering, and executive leadership, keeping objectives, timelines, and deliverables aligned.
- Resolved a high-priority, customer-facing corrective action, protecting a key business relationship and ensuring continuity.
- Coordinated cross-site process and technology transfers, managing documentation, validation, and transition timelines.
- Built and maintained dashboards and performance reports giving leadership visibility into KPIs, risks, and project status.
- Applied Pareto analysis to production data to prioritize high-impact initiatives, driving measurable reduction in recurring defects.
- Standardized SOPs, work instructions, and control plans to improve consistency and compliance across operations.
- Contributed to Lean continuous improvement initiatives, improving efficiency and reducing waste.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Process Improvement Initiative: Pareto Analysis

- Designed multi-layered Pareto charts segmenting defects by product family, part type, and defect category to identify root contributors; findings set corrective action priorities and supported data-driven leadership decisions.

Personal Finance Automation Tool: Self-Directed PM Project

- Led a project through the full lifecycle, producing a charter, scope, stakeholder register, 8-week milestone schedule, and risk register; managed tasks and progress in Asana.

Database Operations Lab: MySQL / phpMyAdmin

- Built and managed relational databases, structured datasets, and ran queries and data workflows, applicable to project data tracking and reporting.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

IBM Project Management Professional Certificate (In Progress) | IBM via Coursera

Coursework: Project Lifecycle & Frameworks, Risk Management, Agile PM, Stakeholder Communication, Scheduling & Execution

Rich East High School, Diploma | Park Forest, IL | 2014 – 2018 | ACE Mentor Program (AECOM Internship), Student Council, Brother to Brother