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## DON WOOD FOUNDATION STAFF EXPANDS

The Don Wood Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to the advancement of manufacturing and related education in the region, has expanded their staff, formally adding Patrick Buesching and Carmen Jagger to their team.

Buesching has accepted the role as a Program Officer and brings expertise to the foundation as the former chief executive officer of 80/20, Inc and has a deep understanding of workforce development strategies. As one of the Program Officers, he will oversee the foundation's grant application process by matching funding guidelines of the foundation to prospective grant partners, conducting site visits, and interviewing grant stakeholders.

Buesching has a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs and Policy from Indiana University - Bloomington and a Master of Business Administration from Taylor University - Upland.

"Patrick joins us with a vested interest in Don Wood's legacy. He has been part of the 80/20, Inc. legacy and shares Don's values and mission of the foundation," said Laura Macknick, executive director for the Don Wood Foundation.

Carmen Jagger joins the Don Wood Foundation as the Program and Communications Associate where she will provide day-to-day assistance with program duties as well as communications support with events and announcements.

Jagger has spent the majority of her career in manufacturing. She brings six years of project management experience to the foundation as well as three years of 80/20, Inc. product experience. Jagger is a graduate of Leadership Whitley County and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at Purdue Fort Wayne in Organizational Communications.

"We're excited to have Carmen on our staff," Macknick said. "She was the perfect person for this role because of her experience and knowledge of our history. She is just as excited as we are to help grow the manufacturing industry in our area."

The Don Wood Foundation serves to align opportunities between students, community, and industry by growing and strengthening the manufacturing sector in the region. To learn more about the Don Wood Foundation, visit their website at [www.DonWoodFoundation.org](http://www.DonWoodFoundation.org).

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Pictured are Patrick Buesching, Program Officer for the Don Wood Foundation and Carmen Jagger, Program and Communications Associate