Karla Stoker ~ Success Story

Karla Stoker graduated with honors from the DeVry Electronics program in the summer of 1989. She worked with DuPont Imaging for two years and left to work in Quality Assurance on Programmable Handheld Scanners. There she gained a passion for Software Development and Quality Assurance.

Currently, Karla is a Group Manager, leading a technical staff supporting varied developer technologies. She is a ten year veteran of Microsoft Corporation located in Irving and volunteers annually with Microsoft’s DigiGirlz camp which exposes young women to careers in technology. She attributes a large portion of her career success to the knowledge and experience gained while at DeVry.

Karla was honored by DeVry last year as one of six nominees for Distinguished Alumni.

Alumni Day  The fourth DeVry University Alumni Day Event will be held September 19th, 2007. Several DeVry Alumni will take advantage of an opportunity to share what their DeVry educations have meant to them with current DeVry students. DeVry alumni will also help judge a “Dress for Success” contest in conjunction with Honors Week.

Open DMAA Officer Positions

There are two vacant DMAA officer positions. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as an officer, please contact one of the current officers.
Spotlight on Ron Bland

Ron Bland is pleased to be a two-time DeVry graduate. He received an AAS in Electronics in 1988 and graduated with honors in March of 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Technical Management.

Ron is currently employed by Siemens Government Services (SGS), which, according to their website, is “a highly qualified security specialist company that is focused on doing work for the U.S. Government to help improve our nation’s security.”

Ron describes himself as a manager/leader with a hands-on leadership style, a diverse background, and over 14 years of experience in manufacturing, process improvement, sales, strategic game planning, people development, and customer service. His main focus, as he manages a team of customer service and technical support professionals, involves creating an environment where the team can achieve company service objectives and ensuring that customers’ expectations are being met. He mentors, trains, and coaches on a daily basis.

Ron’s ability to effectively communicate allows him to connect with people and solve problems. He considers communication to be the key to his success.

For Ron, his DeVry degrees have many benefits. His education has provided him with real world, hands-on experience and the tools required to lead effectively in a technical environment. Critical thinking skills have enabled him to make good business decisions.

Ron looks forward to having an opportunity to network with other DeVry alumni. He is also eager to give back to the University that gave so much to him.