

Mike grew up in the small town of Burton, Ohio. He graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a Civil Engineering degree. While at Case, Mike was a member and served terms as Vice President and President of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Mike worked for 32 years as a highway engineer for Geauga County in Ohio, working his way up from the only staff engineer to Deputy County Engineer. While working for the Geauga County Engineer's Office, he served on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency which included two (2) terms as Chairman. This agency made decisions regarding which roadway and transit projects would receive federal aid funding in the surrounding five (5) county Cleveland area. Other leadership roles have included being a member and Past President of the Berkshire School Board in Burton for ten (10) years. Mike had a thoroughbred horse business in the early 2000s in Ohio where he did accomplish one stakes win. He enjoyed claiming and racing horses after becoming successful at wagering on the sport. Mike has retired to Ocala Florida, but currently returned to the thoroughbred industry and owns a Limited Liability Company named Forward & Left Stables, LLC that involves consulting, owning, pinhooking and racing thoroughbred horses.