

# Council for Manager Development Class of 2018



**Darryl Dickerson, Ph.D.**

*Associate Director of Minority Programs, College of Engineering*

Darryl A. Dickerson, PhD serves as Associate Director of the Minority Engineering Program at Purdue University and Chief Executive Officer of BioRegeneration Technologies. He received his PhD in 2009 from the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering where his research focused on the development of naturally-derived biomaterials specifically for the regeneration of interfaces between hard and soft tissues. Subsequently, he founded BioRegeneration Technologies to translate the benchtop work performed during his graduate studies to clinical practice. During his time as a graduate student, Dr. Dickerson gained significant management and leadership experience as a member of the Board of Directors (2004 – 2009) of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). His work with NSBE culminated in his service as President, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer and the launch of the Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) program in 2007 – 2008. In 2012, he joined the staff of the Minority Engineering Program at Purdue and has since taken on the role of Associate Director. In this capacity, he manages the staff members in executing programming designed to transform the College of Engineering into a more diverse and inclusive environment by increasing enrollment, retention, and success of underrepresented minority students in engineering.



**Benjamin (Ben) Dispennett**

*Director of Building Services, Physical Facilities*

Ben graduated from Purdue University in 2003 from the Krannert School of Management and immediately began running a family business. His Purdue career started in 2008 as a Facilities Manager in University Residences and continued in 2012 as the Associate Director of Facilities and Maintenance. Since 2015, Ben has served as the Director of Building Services within Physical Facilities, where he enjoys aligning the department's goals to the mission of the University and working with the dedicated staff who provide valuable services to administrative and academic facilities across campus. Ben has been involved with the Facilities Management Maximo Users Group (FMMUG), a national organization focused on training and best practices in the use of computerized maintenance management systems (CMMS). Ben served as the committee chair in 2014 and 2015 and coordinated three national conferences in that time. In his spare time, Ben volunteers with the Warren County 4-H program where he mentors youth as the superintendent of woodworking. Ben met his wife Kaletra while they both attended Purdue, and they now have three future Boilermakers aged 9, 6, and 3.







