

Julius Blanco

B.S. in Geology 1981, M.S. in Geology 1985

Julius spent his academic career at the University of Toledo and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in geology. He conducted research that involved extensive use of aerial photography and satellite imagery for predicting fracture patterns of relatively flat sedimentary rocks and evaluated their relationship to petroleum accumulation and groundwater flow. Julius also taught several laboratory classes in geology and was an active student in the program. This well-rounded experience prepared him for a successful career after graduation.



Julius began his postgraduate career in Ashland, Kentucky working as a geologic draftsman for Magnum Drilling of Ohio. His job involved preparing and interpreting oil and gas well logs, constructing geologic cross sections from stratigraphic data, and identifying rock formations. After working for Magnum, Julius continued his career by taking positions such as environmental planner, construction project coordinator, special projects administrator, and environmental affairs representative. In all cases, his career path was driven by his passion for geology. He also enjoyed working in many different locations with a variety of colleagues.

Currently, Julius works for Marathon Petroleum in the area of spill prevention, control, and countermeasures. He serves as coordinator for facility response planning. As the underground storage tank compliance coordinator, Julius mixes his geology background with his environmental values.

“Attending the University of Toledo gave me the skills and knowledge to pursue such a long and successful career. I look back on my time at UT with a lot of fond memories. What I treasure most of all was the knowledge and friendships gained.”