



# Quality: Introducing Our Team

## Pietro Buttolo

### WHAT HE DRIVES:

Taurus X, the perfect vehicle for an intrepid traveler who needs lots of cargo room.



When Pietro Buttolo was a child growing up in Venice, Italy, one of his idols was science fiction author Isaac Asimov. So it's no surprise, really, that Buttolo's fascination with the future led to a career mining the potential of science and virtual technology.

Now, Buttolo works at the Ford Research and Innovation Center, focusing on the world of "haptics," or touch, and developing new technologies that make riding and driving in Ford vehicles convenient and even pleasurable.

The married father of three stays active, finding plenty of motivation while skiing, sailing, camping and spending time with his wife and 3-year-old daughter.

## Tim Weingartz

### WHAT HE DRIVES:

Ford Fusion and Taurus X, vehicles that allow a family of five to stay sane on vacation trips.



Tim Weingartz is a lifelong learner who has no problem keeping up with ever-changing technology.

Ford's Manager of Paint Materials and Strategies and Senior Technical Specialist leads a group of eight engineers and chemists in developing new, sustainable future technologies and staying abreast of advances in paint material formulation and manufacturing. And that's just at work. At home, Weingartz happily shares his love of science by coaching in the Science Olympiads at the middle school and elementary level, getting kids excited about fields like meteorology, entomology and anatomy.

The married father of three also spends his spare time traveling, cycling, and spending time with his family.

## Sheryl Connelly

### WHAT SHE DRIVES:

Ford Flex, the perfect mix of style and cargo space for a mother of two.



Sheryl Connelly likes to know what makes people tick.

That's one of the reasons she enjoys her job as the Global Consumer Trend and Futuring Manager at Ford, identifying shifts in consumer trends that may cause changes in values, attitudes and behaviors. The work keeps her in touch with people, she says – what motivates them and captures their hearts and imaginations.

At home, the Detroit native and married mother of two young daughters has plenty to keep her busy. In her off time, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading and skiing.

## Lon Zaback

### WHAT HE DRIVES:

Mustang GT convertible, a vehicle with enough passion and performance to satisfy a true car connoisseur.



To Lon Zaback, a vehicle is art on wheels. In fact, he's been sketching them ever since he could hold a pencil. He still finds them fascinating – from the lines, curves and edges outside to the ever-increasing array of options within.

As Interior Design Manager for the new 2010 Ford Taurus, Zaback has been exercising his creativity to the fullest, helping create a new look for a car with a rich, iconic history. Design at its essence, he says, is all about problem solving, and he stays motivated not only by the challenges of his job, but by that sense of accomplishment he feels when he sees his products on the road.

The married father of four is a busy man, attending school functions, cheering at sports activities and staying involved in the community.





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## Mark Vojtisek

### WHAT HE DRIVES:

Focus SVT, a sporty little fun-to-drive vehicle with a personality all its own.



Mark Vojtisek likes cars with character. And since he's lived all over the United States, as well as in both England and Germany, he's seen plenty.

That knowledge base serves him well as Ford's Manager of Integration, responsible for defining that harmonious overall feel and sound that makes a Ford recognizable as a Ford. In his position, Vojtisek looks at all the different facets of a vehicle, studying how one may influence the other, and determining how they would best work together to create a vehicle consumers crave.

When he's not working, the married father of a 6-year-old daughter enjoys photography, restoring cars for charity, competing in road rallies and simply being a dad.

## Earl Lucas

### WHAT HE DRIVES:

Mustang GT, a car with that classic American combination of style and power.



Earl Lucas can find the extraordinary in even the most mundane. Fashion, music, nature, even consumer electronics — they all play a part in igniting his creative spark. As Exterior Design Manager for the 2010 Taurus, he nurtures and hones that creativity in himself and others, producing head-turning designs that keep Ford moving forward. Lucas knows that inspiration can be fickle, and he takes great care to create an environment where good ideas are listened to and appreciated.

A married father of three, Lucas enjoys nothing more than taking the family out for a drive.

## Steve Michell

### WHAT HE DRIVES:

Ford Explorer, a vehicle with expansive cargo space for long trips and enough strength to tow the boat.



Put Steve Michell in the hot seat. It's OK. He likes it.

Michell, the Product Design Engineer in charge of Ford's all-new Multi-Contour Seat, actually thrives on the day-to-day urgencies of completing projects under intense time constraints. He finds challenges invigorating, he says, and believes that anything is possible with the right support people.

Away from work, Michell finds plenty of ways to stay busy. In the summer, he can usually be found on a lake — maybe even water skiing barefoot — and in the winter, he coaches and plays ice hockey.

## Mahendra Dassanayake

### WHAT HE DRIVES:

Ford Flex, a vehicle that illustrates the unique possibilities of combining form and function.



Mahendra Dassanayake is a trained physicist with a talent for bringing the abstract into real-world focus.

That's a valuable asset in his position as Staff Technical Specialist, where he develops technology with an eye to the aesthetic that makes up that distinctive Ford look. Using the time-tested principle of form following function, he works to make sure the company's technologies stand out from the crowd. He takes great pleasure in having a position that allows him to help bring design concepts to functional realities while allowing the passion and creativity behind the entire product to shine through.

A native of Sri Lanka, Dassanayake is a married father of two girls and enjoys tennis, cricket, swimming and watching hockey.

