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Since 2007, John Myers has worked with University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF), becoming a founding member of the Akron ARCHangels Investment Network. The AAIN provides an opportunity for early stage high tech companies to present their business plans to its 450 member group of investors, service providers, government representatives and faculty and students from NEO Universities. He assists in Technology Commercialization of UA technologies and through the Greater Akron Chamber provides business and Entrepreneurial Support Services to the community. He is on the Leadership Council and Deal Flow Committee for the ARCHangels, serves on the Leadership Committee for Launchtown, a college student business idea competition and is on the review committee for the LCCC Innovation Fund. John is also part owner of ROOBREW, LLC, a marketer of its beer brand.

Prior to working with UARF, John worked for 5 years with ASW Services, a privately held third party provider of logistic services, real estate management, and material handling equipment based in the Akron area. He was the Vice President of Sales and Marketing, handling the management of the marketing and sales functions, and served on the executive committee for the company. Before working for ASW, John worked 14 years for Ametek, Inc, in Kent, OH, a multinational manufacturer of motors, controllers, and measurement devices headquartered near Philadelphia, PA. His career covered assignments in product planning and management, field sales, and marketing management. Working closely with a team of engineers and manufacturing plants in the US, China and Mexico, John introduced new products, line extensions and entered new markets. He negotiated multimillion dollar contracts with consumer products companies like Hoover, Eureka/Electrolux, Black & Decker, McCulloch, Toro, Poulan-Weedeater and Dirt Devil/Royal Appliance. John's first position after graduation was working with US Gypsum (now USG) a Chicago based multi-billion dollar, publicly traded manufacturer of building products at the Warren, OH steel fabricating plant. During his 9 year tenure John held management positions in customer service, logistics, production planning, quality control, marketing and sales. The sales organization John created to market the company's safety grating line of products continues to be a valued asset in the company's structure after the move to Illinois.

John earned a BA in Business Administration from Kent State University. He worked his way through school holding various part time positions including the "B Squad" at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber where among other duties, he provided plant and museum tours to the public.

John is a former member of Goodwill's Board of Directors, serves on the Launchtown Leadership Committee, and recently served as Vice President then President of Tallmadge High School Athletic Boosters. He is an advisor to the Tallmadge Young Professionals, and a co-chair of the Supplier Diversity Committee at the University of Akron, working to provide greater access for MBE vendors.

John and his wife Kathy have lived in Tallmadge for 25 years and have 3 children.