

Honoring our people

Máire Ní Dhomhnaill

Senior
Biocompatibility
specialist at
Cook Ireland

Hired in 1997

Máire was born in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland. She grew up in Shannon, County Clare, where she attended primary and secondary school. Before coming to Cook, she worked as a hotel manager for 17 years. She went back to school full-time to study science when she was 39 years old. Her primary degree is in pharmaceutical and forensic analysis. During her college years, she worked as a lifeguard and swim teacher at the local leisure center. After graduating, Máire worked for a pharmaceutical company in regulatory affairs. She's currently earning her master's in toxicology and regulatory affairs at University College Dublin.

When Máire joined Cook, she worked with Regulatory Affairs. In 2017, she became the CIRL Biocompatibility specialist. This year, she was promoted into a senior position. This role was relocated from the regulatory umbrella, and she currently works with the test laboratory team in Engineering.

Outside of work, Máire has many hobbies. She loves anything that takes place outdoors, such as swimming and walking. In the late evenings, she loves to read. She also serves as a reserve member of the Irish National Police Force: An Garda Síochána. She has been interested in this role since she was young and became involved during her third year of college. It has given her the opportunity to give back to the community and broaden her life experiences.



"When I joined Cook, I was struck by the family feel to the place. I was more than just a number, and Cook took genuine interest in my development both as an individual and within the wider team. Working with Cook for the last five years has presented great challenges and opportunities. CIRL has built the field of dreams in Limerick, and we are the lucky ones who are invited to play."

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Gilbert Lozano

Critical Care

Hired in 2000

Gilbert was born in Long Branch, New Jersey, in 1959. After his father finished his training as a pediatrician, they moved back to Bogotá, Colombia, where Gilbert was raised. He first attended Saint George's School and later attended the Liceo de La Salle. Gilbert graduated as a medical doctor from Universidad Javeriana. He practiced medicine in Colombia for 15 years before moving to Florida in 1999.

In Florida, he was hired by Cook to work as a district manager for the Surgery specialty. Two years later, he was promoted to Latin American Regional Sales manager for Surgery and Critical Care. Gilbert enjoys the culture, people, and stability that Cook has to offer.



"Working with both Surgery and Critical Care has always been an intellectual pleasure: engaging physicians (from very different specialties) all over Latin America has been a wonderful experience."

Jean Ryan

Design Assurance at Cook Ireland

Hired in 2015

Jean (pictured far right) grew up in Shannon, County Clare, Ireland, and went to St. Conaire's Primary School and St. Patrick's Comprehensive School. She earned her degree in bioscience and biotechnology from the Limerick Institute of Technology in Moylish, Limerick. She currently lives in Clarecastle with her husband **Thomas**, her son **Fionn**, and their rescue Chihuahua named **Joey**. Before coming to Cook, she worked as a quality engineer in Vistakon, Stryker, and Boston Scientific. She's also worked as a contractor for QA Resources.

During her time at Cook, she's worked as a Quality engineer before moving on to Global Design Assurance.

Outside of work, Jean is a member of the Clarecastle and Ballyea Heritage & Wildlife Group. They work to promote, preserve, and protect the built, cultural heritage, and biodiversity in the community. She spreads awareness for biodiversity and works on projects such as signage, bird-box building, and creating wildlife corridors. She also runs Bioblitz survey events.



"I have really enjoyed the wide variety of projects I have got to work with the different teams on, such as EchoTip Insight which recently launched, and the unique technical problems that we sometimes encounter. I enjoy the people the most and believe we have a fantastic team at Cook Ireland!"

Kimberly S. Hayes

Incoming Quality Control

Hired in 1997

Kimberly was born in Columbus, Indiana, where she lived for most of her life. Now, she lives in Ellettsville with her husband of 30 years. She went to Columbus North High School and graduated in 1983. She currently attends Ivy Tech. Before coming to Cook in 1997, she was a stay-at-home mom for five years and worked at Save A Lot.

Kimberly has held many positions at Cook. She worked in the Spencer Plastics department for about 4-5 years, Spencer Baskets for about 4-5 years, Ellettsville North-AQ® Coating for 2-3 years, Post Sterilization Services (PSS) for nine years, and now Incoming QC for almost three years. Kimberly currently has 13 years of perfect attendance. She has a sister, Tina Haste, who works in Sheaths and Dilators QC. She also has a sister-in-law, **Lisa Hayes**, who works in MWCE.

Outside of work, Kimberly loves to go to flea markets with her husband and spend time with her granddaughters.



"I have enjoyed all the people I have met and friendships along the way. I have enjoyed taking pride in the work that I've done over the years and presently. Thank you!"

Melissa Baker

Development Engineering

Hired in 1997

Melissa was born in Bloomington, Indiana. She attended Ellettsville and Richland-Bean Blossom Community Schools. Through the Cook Tuition Assistance program, she earned an associate degree in office administration. She currently lives on the outskirts of Ellettsville on a 10-acre wooded lot where her husband grew up.

This property adjoins several acres of additional family property, which she collectively calls "Bakersfield." Before coming to Cook, she waited tables at Ellettsville Pizza Pantry and Ponderosa, detailed cars, and was a receptionist at Bloomington Ford Collision Center.

Melissa started in Radiology QC and cross-trained in many other QC areas. The last inspection area she worked in was AAA QC, where she was a group leader before applying for a Project Documentation clerk position within Development Engineering. Her mom, **Susie Chambers**, recently retired under the voluntary early retirement program (VERP) after 40 years of service. Her husband's distant cousin, **Brett Baker**, was an engineer at Cook Polymer Technology (CPT) and recently retired under the VERP as well.

Outside of work, Melissa keeps busy with her husband, three kids, and dog. She enjoys traveling, kayaking, antiques, gardening, and spending time with her family.



"I'll never forget seeing a pediatric Cook ABRM coated catheter sticking out of my little nephew's chest after a heart surgery, the Cook catheter used on me at the Bloomington hospital, or the Cook stent that helped my mother-in-law, and the pride those personal experiences bring."

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Rob Dorocke

Information Technology at Park 48

Hired in 1997

Rob was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He moved to Greenwood when he was just six months old. Later on, he moved to Bloomington to go to Indiana University (IU) and has resided there for 29 years.

Rob started off in Marketing Communications before his team was moved to IT about 15 years ago. He also has a cousin who works at the French Lick Resort.

Outside of work, Rob loves to travel. During college, he was a member of the Star of Indiana Drum and Bugle Corps, which was funded by **Bill Cook**. He still gets together and occasionally plays music with friends he met during his membership. He's also a huge Chicago Cubs fan and loves attending games at Wrigley Field with his son.



"I've been a part of a number of initiatives that have directly impacted our growth over the past few decades. And, as always, I have loved the people I have worked with and worked for."

Jonathan Valsin

Finance at Cook Ireland

Hired in 2009

Jonathan was born in Martinique, which is an island in the middle of the Caribbean. He left the island in 2000 to finish his IT degree in France and worked there for a few years. In 2005, he moved to Ireland, where he worked for Sykes and Dell.

After a friend told Jonathan that Cook was a great place to work, he applied and joined as a French Customer Service representative in 2009. In 2010, he moved to the Finance team as an Accounts Payable administrator. In his 12 years at Cook, he's had multiple different roles within Finance and has also been involved in the Cook Sports & Social Club.

Outside of work, Jonathan enjoys walking while listening to podcasts. One time he even walked 40 kilometers (25 miles). He's also recently discovered a new passion for outdoors and hiking. He loves baking as well.



"The people at Cook are brilliant and amazing. Everyone I work or interact with is very supportive, friendly, and chatty. Over the years, some of my coworkers have become great friends. While I come from an IT background, Cook has allowed me to explore different roles during my 12 years, starting in Customer Service and then moving to various roles in Finance."

Dorinda Brock

Reusable Needles

Hired in 1997

Dorinda was born in Bloomington and grew up in Spencer, Indiana, where she has resided for the past 13 years. She graduated from Owen Valley High School in 2010. She is currently earning her associate degree in business at Ivy Tech. Before coming to Cook, Dorinda worked at Woodruff & Williams, Attorneys at Law.

Dorinda has spent her time at Cook working in Reusable Needles. She currently has six years of perfect attendance. She also has a sister who works in Final Packaging.

Outside of work, Dorinda enjoys camping, being outdoors, and spending time with her family. She recently bought a camper, which she hopes to use a lot this year.



"I have enjoyed the people I work with and building products that make a difference in a patient's life."

Scott Todd

Customer Support & Delivery (CSD)

Hired in 1997

With the exception of six years spent in St. Louis working as a district manager for Cook, Scott has lived in Bloomington, Indiana, his entire life. He graduated from Bloomington High School North and then from Indiana University (IU). He later earned an MBA from Southern Illinois University using Cook's tuition reimbursement program. Scott has been back in Bloomington since 2003 and enjoys being close to family and raising his three boys (now all teenagers) in the area. He was hired by Cook right after graduating from IU. While his roles with the company have varied, Cook has been his only post-college employer.

Scott hired into Cook as a district manager, which provided a great foundation to learn about Cook's products and how they are used. After returning to Bloomington from the field, he spent time in National Accounts and project support for the Vascular division. However, he has spent the longest period of his Cook career in Customer Support & Delivery (CSD).

When he isn't working, Scott loves spending time with his wife, **Beth**, and their three teenage sons while they're still at home. He is an avid cyclist and runner and began long-distance unicycling last year during the lockdown. He also plays the piano and bass guitar, and makes music around town with various groups and also at his church. He resists new hobbies because he can't do anything halfway and doesn't have time for anything else.



"Working for Cook has allowed me to have some life experiences that wouldn't have otherwise been possible. For instance, not long after I was hired my team supported a neurosurgery workshop where there was a cadaverous human head on each table, allowing the physicians to try out our products (slightly creepy, for sure). In 24 years I've enjoyed watching the organization manage growth and change and made many friends along the way. Regardless of the positions I've had, I've appreciated our unwavering focus to place the patient at the center of everything we do."