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Tennessee Technological University

Tennessee Tech University– B.S. Civil Engineering
University of Texas at Austin– M.S. Engineering

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After graduating as Salutatorian from Putnam County High School in 1975, David Richard Wright enrolled in engineering at Tennessee Tech University. While at TTU, he met his wife, former Connie LaFevor of Lebanon, Tennessee. They have two sons; Jordan is a third-generation graduate of TTU, and Brendan attends Mt. Juliet High School.

Wright received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from TTU in 1980, earning membership in the honorary societies Chi Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa. David was awarded an Engineering Foundation Fellowship to attend the University of Texas at Austin where he received his M.S. in Engineering in 1982.

From 1982 to 1989, Wright worked for John Carpenter & Associates, P.C. and Stanley D. Lindsey & Associates, Ltd. as a structural design engineer and project manager. While there, he was head of numerous outstanding projects. One of the most notable projects was the application of a system that used composite long-span steel joists. It was the first time this system had been used in the United States. In 1989, David was appointed as the Department Manager of Architectural, Structural and Civil Services for Lockwood Greene Engineers where he led numerous plant expansion upgrades.

David rejoined John Carpenter in 1994 to form Carpenter Wright Engineers, P.L.L.C. (CWE) as the first Professional Limited Liability Company registered in the State of Tennessee. David provides executive management of the operations of CWE, oversees the company's Risk Management program, directs the forensic services and is responsible for the development of an integrated design office management software solution.

Currently, David serves as Chair of the Advisory Board of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at TTU and is a member of the Eagle Society of the President's Club. He is registered as a professional engineer in twenty states, and has served as Nashville Branch President and District 9 Delegate for the American Society of Civil Engineers.