

1994 Engineer of Distinction



Nathan L. Gibson

B.S. Industrial Engineering, TTU, 1971
MBA, Clemson-Furman University

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Citation

Nathan L. Gibson, P.E., was born in Humboldt Tennessee, and entered TTU in 1967 where he funded his education by taking advantage of the Tech cooperative education program in conjunction with numerous jobs on and around campus. But he found time for membership in the Engineering Joint Council, the Student Chapter of the A.I.I.E. and the Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi.

Graduating academically among the top Industrial Engineers in 1971, Mr. Gibson went to work for Burlington Industries progressing to Plant Industrial Engineer within 18 months. In 1974, he accepted a position with Abbott Laboratories in Spartanburg, South Carolina and after a number of promotions in Engineering and Manufacturing, he was appointed Plant Manager. During this time, he completed the Clemson-Furman University Joint MBA Program and fulfilled testing and credential requirements to obtain professional engineering registration.

In 1984, a promotion to Plant Manger of a larger Abbott manufacturing facility moved the Gibson family to Laurinburg, North Carolina. Under the general heading of "Giving Back to the Community," Mr. Gibson also served as President of the Laurinburg/Scotland County Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of I.E.C. (local Plant Managers Association); a member of the Board of Directors of Scotland Memorial Hospital and of the Board of Directors of Southern National Bank; and the Chairman of Industrial Development, St. Andrew's Presbyterian College Fund Drive.

In 1989, Mr. Gibson accepted the position of Director of Operations in Austin, Texas, with responsibility for approximately 2,000 employees manufacturing intravenous solutions for Abbott Laboratories' Hospital Products Division. He continues to serve the community as a Board Member of the United Way and as a member of the Governing Board of Round Rock Memorial Hospital.



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