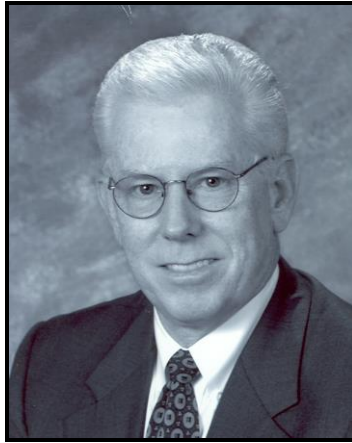


2008 Technologist of Distinction



David Vickers

B.S. Industrial Technology, TTU, 1967
M.S. Business Administration, 1972

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Citation

Despite spending most of his adult life in California and Hawaii, David Vickers always considered Cookeville home. Now that he has returned home, he is involving himself in the Tennessee Technological University College of Engineering and is providing resources to upgrade technical equipment and facilities within the College.

David immediately joined the United States Navy after high school. Upon his discharge, he and his wife Tomi returned to David's Cookeville home where he entered Tennessee Technological University. He earned the Bachelor of Science degree at TTU, with a major in industrial technology in 1967. After David's graduation, they returned to California where they raised two sons, and David built a career in the materials industry. While working he earned the Master of Business Administration at the University of California—Los Angeles in 1972. Subsequently, he served as an adjunct instructor at two universities.

With a progression of job responsibilities: chief industrial engineer, director of manufacturing, president and chief operating officer with various companies in the cement and concrete industry, David became a leader in the cement and concrete industry. Perhaps his greatest achievement was helping the National Ready Mix Concrete Association secure \$13 million in funding from industry to establish the education-oriented Ready Mix Concrete Research and Education Foundation. Then, as its chairman, he oversaw the establishment and funding of research projects designed to further the cement and concrete industry.

David has a long record of achievement, and now he is bringing those talents home to Tennessee Tech.



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