

2004 Technologist of Distinction



Lem McSpadden

B.S. Industrial Technology, TTU, 1971

Retired, Fleetguard, Inc.
Consultant, TnProperties
Owner, A+ Home Inspection Services
Owner, EnviroTENN
(Mold Inspection Service)

Citation

Lem McSpadden graduated from Tennessee Tech's College of Engineering with a BS degree in Industrial Technology in 1971. During his undergraduate studies he also minored in Business Management. Upon graduation Mr. McSpadden joined Fleetguard, Inc., in Cookeville. He held numerous positions at Fleetguard, including Sales Training Manager, Senior Account Manager, and Global Account Executive. During his 30-year tenure at Fleetguard, Mr. McSpadden met numerous technological and sociological challenges, including integration of a second company and its product line into the Fleetguard business plan. He was responsible for leading a global cross-functional team of engineering sales and marketing personnel to achieve growth for specific customers, including JI Case, John Deere and Peterbilt/Kenworth, on a global basis.

In retirement, Mr. McSpadden exercised his entrepreneurial spirit by creating a new company in Cookeville, A+ Home Inspection Services. He is a Certified Inspector with American Home Inspection.

His entrepreneurial spirit is emerging again, with an additional business – EnviroTENN – specializing in “mold inspection” and its prevention.

In addition to these new business activities, Mr. McSpadden has devoted extensive energy to assisting the College of Engineering, particularly through his service to the Tennessee Tech Engineering Development Foundation. He has been an exemplary model for young people who aspire to use their technological education effectively in a “real world” business environment. In 2003, Mr. McSpadden and his wife, Donna, were selected by the Tennessee Board of Regents as the first recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.



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