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Ethan Bernhardt directs one of the largest business units at ATC Automation, designing and assembling custom engineered assembly and test equipment for various industries. He is responsible for the recruitment, retention, evaluation, promotion and disciplinary actions for his 26-member team, and for mechanical and controls engineering concepts, assembly and effectiveness.

Under his direction, his team produced a machine, which received the Johnson and Johnson President's Award for the most innovative machine design in 2009. In 2015, he lead his team in a design for a Fortune 50 company, that received multiple patents for specialized high speed, small part assembly and laser welding.

Ethan has served on the Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Advisory Board at Tech since 2011. Since this appointment, he has created an internal mentoring program to recruit and develop Tech students for ATC Automation. He facilitates structured touring events each semester, which have resulted in the hiring of 10 Tech graduates. He was instrumental in ATC donating to Tech the design, materials, fabrication for equipment, and he assisted in the design, development and fabrication of a foundry pattern donated to Tech for molding a bronze plaque honoring Tech students who died in the Vietnam War. Ethan was also responsible for the establishment of an annual scholarship provided by ATC Automation for Tech students.

He serves on the advisory board for the Tennessee Technology Center at Livingston Mechatronics program, is a member of Pathways of Prosperity for the Highlands, and serves as a speaker for the local LEAPS after school program in the Upper Cumberland.

Ethan resides in Cookeville, Tenn., with his wife of 14 years, Julie and their children Lily and Landon. He is an active member of First Baptist Church in Cookeville. In his free time, Ethan enjoys spending time with his family, competitive fishing, woodworking, hunting, and golf.