

## 2009 Engineer of Distinction



**Thomas M. Hudson, Jr.**

B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1973  
M.S. Business Administration, University of Virginia, 1975

President and CEO  
Matteson-Hudson Construction Company

### Citation

Thomas M. "Tom" Hudson, Jr. attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received the Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering in 1973. In 1975, he earned the Master of Business Administration from the Colgate Darden School at the University of Virginia. He attended the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma in 1988.

Tom began his career in 1974 as Assistant Engineer with R.C. Matthews Contractors in Nashville, Tennessee. From 1975 through 1979, he served as Project Engineer and Estimator-Planner for Joe M. Rodgers & Associates (Nashville, Tennessee) and Rodgers International, in Saudi Arabia, Netherlands, and Greece. In this role, his team successfully developed housing for seven air force bases in Saudi Arabia, and various other projects.

At the Holder Construction Company, Atlanta, Georgia, he worked as Project Manager in 1979-1980 where four office buildings for Equitable Life were completed as well as the 250ksf air freight center for Eastern Airlines.

He was vice president and co-founder of the Matteson-Hudson Construction Company of Nashville, Tennessee, in 1980. He has been President and CEO of the company since 1985. His workings as general contractor include the construction of a diversity of businesses in cities throughout the Middle Tennessee area that include Nashville, Clarksville, Springfield, Lebanon and others. In addition to general contract work, the company developed four manufacturing facilities in the Clarksville-Montgomery County Corporate business park.

Tom Hudson established three endowments within the College of Engineering, one of which honors his father, Thomas M. Hudson, Sr. These endowments serve to recognize the high caliber exemplified in the Tennessee Tech graduates. Tom's father demonstrated a great love for the United States of America, the great State of Tennessee, and the greater community of mankind. Mr. Hudson, Sr.'s commitment to philanthropy influenced Tom in a great way. Tom and his wife Lili have two children, Elise and McLean.



2009 Award winners pose with Dean David Huddleston (right)  
(l-r) Technologist of Distinction Jason Smith, Engineers of Distinction Tom Hudson and Scott Bartlett