



Outstanding Alumni: Carl E. Meece, Jr. Gary J. Miller, Byron F. Knight, David W. Hahn, Roberto Garcia, William H. Gattle, J.F. Stephen Elliott (not shown)

2012 Outstanding Alumni Awards

Mr. J. F. Stephen Elliott

E²M, Chief Technical Officer (Retired)

BS in Mechanical Engineering, 1970

Graduate hours pursuing an MBA and MSME

Founder of E²m Inc. where he was COO and later CTO until 2011. He is now a senior consultant to Haskell which bought E²m in 2011. He also worked for Procter & Gamble for many years.

Mr. Roberto Garcia

NASA Technical Fellow for Propulsion

BS in Aerospace Engineering, 1986

NASA Propulsion Technical Fellow at MSFC. He has a wide-ranging experience in aerodynamics, hydrodynamics, engine system design, and analysis of rocket propulsion with specific knowledge in ATD turbo pumps and X-33 propulsions systems.

Mr. William H. Gattle

Vice President, Space Systems, Harris Corp

BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering, 1984, 1987

Vice President of Space Communication Systems for the Government Communications Systems Division of the Harris Corporation. He was previous the program director of Commercial Reflector Enterprise and Mobile Satellite Venture program and the program director of the Department of Defense Terrestrial Communications.

Dr. Byron F. Knight

Defense Intelligence Senior Leader, USAF

PhD in Mechanical Engineering, 2000

Defense Intelligence Senior Leader at the National Reconnaissance Office, USAF. He is responsible for mission assurance, industrial base, and technical assessment issues for current and future NRO programs.

Mr. Carl E. Meece, Jr.

Vice President, Pratt & Whitney (Retired)

BS in Aerospace Engineering, 1969

Has had a storied career at Pratt & Whitney for 32 years, culminating as Vice President of Advanced Programs. After retiring from P&W he became Vice President of Engineering at Swagelok, an international company with \$1.2 billion in revenue.

Dr. Gary J. Miller

Executive Vice President, Exactech, Inc.

BS & PhD in Mechanical Engineering, 1970, 1977

Founder of Exactech in Gainesville and has been executive vice president of research since February 2000. He was associate professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and director of research and biomechanics at the UF College of Medicine from July 1986 until August 1996.