

Holtgrewe Honored as Outstanding Engineer of the Year

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Josh Holtgrewe, 27, is not necessarily comfortable with having the reputation as someone “wise beyond his years.” However, he has heard the phrase many times.

Whether it is counseling college students, serving in leadership positions, taking an active role in the community or serving as a mentor, Holtgrewe is making the right moves.

He is currently an electrical engineer for Allen & Hoshall, one of the area’s premier engineering design firms.



Photo: Lance Murphey

The full-service business, which opened in 1915, has more than 100 employees and operates in 50 states.

Holtgrewe was recently honored with the Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year award, recognizing his engineering and education achievements, and community service.

The Memphis chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers presented Holtgrewe with the honor during this year’s Engineer Week.

“My philosophy has been, if you put a lot into something, you will get much in return,” said Holtgrewe, who grew up in Paris, Tenn.

“I was humbled to be named the top young engineer because the engineering talent is vast here in the Mid-South. All of these achievements have happened so fast over the past seven years, but starting at the firm as an intern before graduation gave me a jumpstart.”

Holtgrewe joined Allen & Hoshall as an engineering intern while still attending Christian Brothers University, and became a full member of the team after graduating in 2005. He now provides direction and leadership for a variety of educational, industrial and commercial projects, locally and throughout the region.

He serves as vice president for the Memphis chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers and is a member of its state communications committee.

An Eagle Scout, he volunteers as troop committee chair and advancement chairman for Boy Scout Troop 265. Holtgrewe also ushers at Mass and is active in the Parish finance council of St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett.

As part of the finance council, he serves on the operations committee, where he uses his expertise gained from working as a LEED Accredited Professional-Certified electrical engineer to determine ways to save money and energy in the parish.

[Benny Long](#), senior facilities engineer at [Wright Medical Technology Inc.](#), said the theme of Holtgrewe being wise beyond his years fits him perfectly.

“Josh is very focused on serving his customers,” Long said. “He is a self-starter and highly motivated to represent his clients. Josh also does not take anything for granted. He produces a quality product and follows up promptly on issues. His firm has done a lot of work for Wright Medical, and I am always happy to have Josh on the project.”

Holtgrewe believes mentoring is an important part of his life.

“I have some outstanding mentors in my life and I am trying to do the same for others,” Holtgrewe said. “Life is all about paying it forward. The help I am giving others now is because so many helped me get to where I am today.”

Josh’s work at Allen & Hoshall is exemplified through projects he has been a part of, such as the Southwest Community College [Maxine Smith Center](#), UT Martin’s new student recreational center, Wright Medical Technology’s manufacturing expansion and several schools in DeSoto County.

He is always looking for ways to sharpen his professional skills through organizations like The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the U.S. Green Building Council.

Holtgrewe and his wife, Sarah, also have an 8-month-old daughter, Rebekah.