

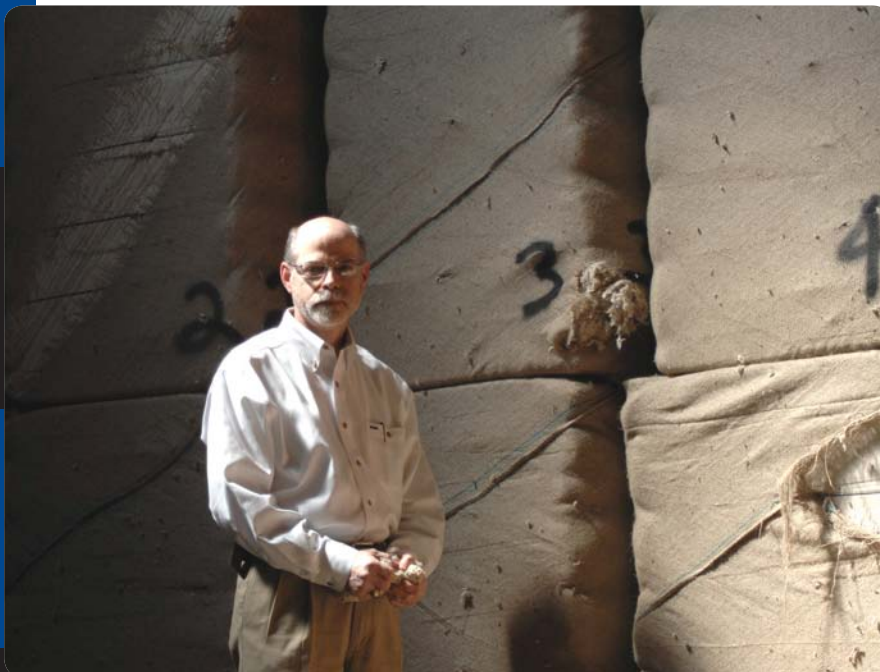
ALUMNI PROFILE

John W. Lewallen, Jr. Senior Manager, Global Cotton Fiber Purchasing at Buckeye Technologies, Inc.



Herff College of Engineering Experience

"The quality of the engineering education I received at the University of Memphis prepared me to handle technical challenges upon graduation and taught me how to find solutions to real-world business problems. The personal interest the faculty took in me helped shape my professional career as well as the person I am today. My personal experience in the Engineering College ignited within me a flame of pride in the University of Memphis that continues to burn brightly and provides me with much personal satisfaction every time I give something back to the University – whether it is serving on a board or giving a monetary donation."



Professional History

Lewallen began his career in 1976 with Buckeye Technologies, Inc., a leading producer of cellulose-based specialty products. In his over 30-year tenure with Buckeye, he has worked in project management, plant engineering and maintenance and operations management. He is currently the Senior Manager of Global Cotton Fiber Purchasing where he is responsible for purchasing all raw materials in various international markets and overseeing the transportation logistics of these materials to supply plants in Memphis and Brazil, making Buckeye the largest producer of cotton linter pulp in the world. In addition, Lewallen leads Buckeye's initiative to develop new markets for cottonseed products that in turn provides cotton fiber for Buckeye's growing needs.

Significant Accomplishments

- Herff College of Engineering's Outstanding Alumnus, 1991
- Served on the University of Memphis National Alumni Association Board, Civil Engineering Advisory Board and Engineering Alumni Chapter Board
- Secretary of the Center City Commission's Design Review Board
- Served on the National Foundation for Transplants Board and Harbor Town Board of Trustees
- President of Tau Beta Pi
- F.H. Kellogg Award for Outstanding Civil Engineering Senior Student
- Serves on the Rules Committee for the National Cottonseed Products Association

Education

- Bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering, 1975, University of Memphis

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