

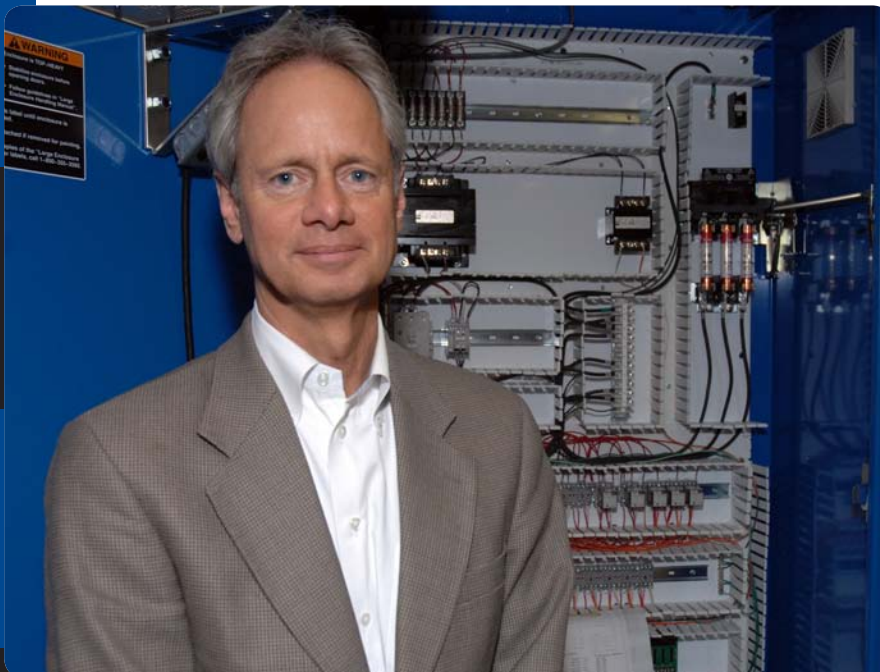
ALUMNI PROFILE

Stephen G. Olita Founder and President, Electrical Controls, Inc.



Herff College of Engineering Experience

“While I was a student in the Herff College of Engineering, I got the idea for my Sensalight invention. I brought my ideas about this invention and design challenges I encountered to my professors for their input. They brainstormed with me and helped me think through the electronic design in a new, creative way. These brainstorming sessions taught me how to approach future inventions and challenges in my own business from a multitude of perspectives.”



Professional History

- Test System Engineer, Warwick Electronics, 1973-1975
- Quality Control Engineer, United Technologies Carrier, 1975-1976
- Chair and faculty member, Electrical Engineering Technology, State Technical Institute in Memphis, 1977-1980
- Electrical Engineer, multiple consulting firms, 1980 – 1984
- Founded Electrical Controls, Inc., a company offering customized manufacturing software and quality assurance testing equipment for HVAC and refrigerator assembly lines, 1984

Significant Accomplishments

- Invented a patented product, Sensalight, which turns on porch lights at the sound of keys jingling. ECI has patent pending status on RealityPV–interactive 3D animated work instructions
- Received the Pioneer Award for Sensalight in recognition of its fresh and creative design, 1986
- Received Distinguished Professor Award at State Technical Institute in Memphis, 1979
- Named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, 1979
- Led two youth baseball teams to the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series, 1991 & 1992
- Herff College of Engineering’s Outstanding Alumnus, 1997
- Member of the Herff College of Engineering’s Advisory Council, Highland Hundred Booster Club and Confirmation teacher at Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Education

- Bachelor of science in electrical engineering, 1973, Christian Brothers University
- Master of science in electrical engineering, 1976, University of Memphis

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