The Carl R. Ice College of Engineering advisory council, or COEAC, is a group of industrial, business, legislative and professional leaders committed to the vitality of engineering education at Kansas State University. The council helps the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering strengthen its learning, research and outreach programs; improve its facilities; expand its base of support; and serve its alumni. Council members actively participate in the continual assessment of the college’s progress and development of college/industry partnerships.

**COEAC responsibilities**

The mission of the advisory council is to —

- Advise the college leadership team on programs, policies and operations;
- Facilitate resource development through advocacy for state and federal funding, internal campus budgeting, and corporate relationships and private gifts;
- Assist with placement of students;
- Recognize achievement of alumni and other college supporters;
- Assist with publicity and public relations; and
- Promote a connection among faculty, students, alumni and industry.
Chrysta Castañeda is a lead trial lawyer for high-stakes litigation in the energy industry and beyond. Founding partner of The Castañeda Firm, Dallas, Texas, she focuses on oil and gas litigation in the upstream sector as well as commercial litigation and product liability disputes involving technical evidence. She represents oil companies, investors and mineral owners on contract matters and operational questions, and has served as national coordinating counsel for manufacturers in product liability and toxic tort claims. Castañeda has been recognized for her work by the National Law Journal. Her verdict as lead counsel for T. Boone Pickens in the case of Mesa Petroleum Partners v. Baytech et al. was named the 12th largest verdict in the nation in 2016 and has been included in the Texas Verdicts Hall of Fame.

After receiving her degree in industrial engineering from Kansas State University, Castañeda earned her law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. She graduated cum laude and as a member of the Order of the Coif, an honorary legal society recognizing the top 10% of law graduates. Castañeda has served in leadership positions for a variety of nonprofit agencies focused on improving women’s lives. She is a board member of the Texas Women’s Foundation and was previously board chair of Ignite Texas, a nonpartisan organization focused on building political ambition in young women. She was the 2020 Democratic nominee for the Texas Railroad Commission, the agency charged with overseeing oil and gas development, and production in Texas.

Kevin Burke earned his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in business management from Kansas State University. Since joining Burke Construction Group in 1989, he has held various leadership positions within the organization, culminating with his appointment as president and CEO in 2001.

Burke has built a strong reputation in the commercial real estate industry and plays a key role in some of the construction industry’s most distinguished organizations including the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks, Young Presidents Organization and the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance. He was the governor-appointed chairman from 2009-2012 and continues to serve on the Nevada State Contractors Board. Highly focused on giving back to Kansas State University, he has been a member of the dean’s advisory council, a trustee for the Kansas State University Foundation and most recently recognized as the K-State 2019 Alumni Fellow for the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering.

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Tim Chadwick's construction career began in 1991 following his graduation from K-State with a Bachelor of Science degree in construction science. His first post-college job was in a job-site trailer for MW Builders, a subsidiary of MMC Corp and a national general construction company specializing in preconstruction, design-build, general construction and construction management. He quickly advanced becoming one of the company's youngest presidents. As Chadwick grew with the organization, he saw its transition from being family-owned to becoming an employee-owned company in 2002. After three years of employee ownership the share price steadily increased each year. Under Chadwick's leadership, MW Builders became MMC Corp's most profitable brand and he was subsequently promoted to chief operating officer of MMC Corp in 2011. In 2014 he was promoted to CEO, and since then the organization has acquired two companies, opened six new locations and more than doubled in size. Today MMC Corp has a backlog of more than a billion dollars and a collection of four diverse high-performing subsidiaries. In addition to his commitment to MMC Corp and its employee owners, Chadwick is dedicated to giving back to the communities in which company employees live and work. He spearheaded a new community involvement goal in the company’s strategic plan that promotes increased companywide volunteering initiatives. Chadwick has served on the Ronald McDonald House Charities board, K-State's construction science advisory council, and he and his wife Cindy are actively involved in Variety KC Children's Charity.

Nick Chong is responsible for global customer support and services at Zoom Video Communications Inc. Prior to this he was head of global services for the company, responsible for global professional services as well as head of product marketing. Chong has an extensive background in technology, market development, product strategy and pursuit of customer satisfaction. Prior to his work with Zoom, Chong founded an emerging technology business unit at Cisco Systems in India. He led business incubation, technology acquisition and go-to-market strategy. Chong also held senior leadership roles as director of product management at Perfigo — acquired by Cisco, and director of global support at Intruvert — acquired by McAfee. Two network security solutions he oversaw development of, NAC and IPS, attained number one market leadership positions and evolved to become critical stakes of the $3 billion network security market. Prior to that, Chong spent more than seven years with Cisco's global support and services in San Jose, California, and Brussels, Belgium. Chong completed a Master's of Business Administration degree from Santa Clara University and a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from Kansas State University.
Jim Coen retired May 1, 2021, as vice president of MVP Holdings LLC, a diversified energy midstream company headquartered in Wichita. MVP provides purchasing, aggregation, transportation and storage solutions for oil and gas producers and other energy market participants throughout the Midcontinent region. Coen continues to serve on the board of directors for MVP.

A native of Ottawa, Kansas, Coen earned bachelor’s degrees in civil engineering and business management in 1982 from Kansas State University. He began his career with Exxon Company USA in Midland, Texas, as a reservoir engineer in the Permian Basin of West Texas. After eight years of successive engineering roles with Exxon, he joined Koch Industries in Wichita as a pipeline engineer. Following stints in business development, market analysis and commercial marketing, he served as vice president of crude oil marketing for Koch Oil Company. After the sale of Koch Oil in 1998, Coen held various energy midstream roles with EOTT Energy and SemGroup Corporation before helping to form MVP Holdings in 2008, where he worked for 13 years using his experience and expertise to assist with commercial marketing, trading and risk management.

Coen is married to Ann (Peterson) Coen, a 1982 graduate of Kansas State with a degree in education. They have three daughters who are also K-State graduates. The Coens now reside in Prairie Village but enjoy trips to Manhattan to attend football and basketball games with family and friends.

Darold Davis is a retired professional engineer with an accomplished career in transportation engineering in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Florida. A Kansas State University graduate in civil engineering, he began his career as a transportation engineer for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, also serving as assistant city engineer for Midwest City, Oklahoma. He was then hired as manager of engineering for Cunningham Consultants, Oklahoma City, from there relocating to Tulsa to establish and manage, as president, a new office for Cunningham-Davis-Stoldt. Recruited by Sverdrup Corporation of Tallahassee, Florida, he became a program management consultant for Florida DOT managing a statewide bridge replacement program. Returning to Kansas, he managed the planning, design and construction of a 50-mile corridor in southern Kansas for Cook, Flatt and Strobol, soon after becoming its president. Projects included alignment studies for the K-96 Hutchison bypass and preliminary development of Wichita’s East Kellogg as a US-400 freeway.

He came out of retirement in 2003 to join Garver’s Tulsa office and became a major consultant to Oklahoma DOT. He was involved in the design of major freeway projects including I-40, I-44, I-244, US-75 and US-169, and has become a recognized expert in developing alternative types of freeway interchanges.

Professional affiliations include American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers and serving as an officer for American Council of Engineering Companies and Institute of Transportation Engineers.

He and his wife, Debbie, live at Grand Lake of the Cherokees in Oklahoma where Davis continues to consult for Garver.
Roger Farrell earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in civil engineering in 1975 from Kansas State University. He is currently chairman of the board of Intensity Midstream LLC, a private equity-backed natural gas gathering and processing company with significant midstream assets in the South Central Oklahoma Oil Province, or SCOOP, a top-five U.S. shale play. Prior to Intensity Farrell was CEO of Xplorer Midstream LLC, a start-up gathering and processing company in the SCOOP; and before that president and COO of Southern Union Gas Services, a multi-billion dollar midstream business in the Permian Basin. Previously Farrell was president and CEO of Enogex, the predecessor of Enable Midstream Partners, a natural gas pipeline company that owned both interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines, as well as significant midstream assets.

Before assuming executive-level positions Farrell was responsible for engineering designs on a diverse set of projects including the Hobby Airport jet-fuel terminal, refined products pipeline, tailings disposal and water-recovery system at a large open-pit copper mine, and a proprietary slurry fuel system aboard large crude oil carriers. Farrell has served on boards of directors of several companies, industry organizations and non-profits including Continental Resources, Southern Gas Association, Gas Processors’ Association, Oklahoma Energy Explorers, Infant Crisis Services of Oklahoma and Kansas Senior Living Inc. He has participated as a guest lecturer on midstream energy topics for investor and national industry conferences, and graduate-level energy programs.

He and his wife, Trish, have five children and live in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Richard A. Fornelli, P.E., a Lawrence native, is a K-State graduate in civil engineering, B.S. 1972 and M.S. 1973. He retired as CH2M senior program manager in 2014. Fornelli’s career primarily focused on water resource and environmental projects. He served CH2M in multiple engineering career roles including designer, project manager, construction manager, area manager for several offices and the initial USA western regional manager for CCI — CH2M’s design-build construction company. He was involved in numerous major municipal water/wastewater projects and led implementation of several of CH2M’s technically innovative projects. He served as planning and delivery director, and later as construction director, for Puerto Rico’s island-wide improvement of water and wastewater infrastructure.

Fornelli managed implementation of dust control for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s Owens Lake, a 110-square-mile lake bed, dry since the city of Los Angeles started diverting water from the Owens Valley in 1908. It was the largest single source of PM10 pollution in the U.S. He was also program manager for development of a wastewater master plan for the city and county of Honolulu, Oahu Island, and assisted with reaching a settlement with the U.S. EPA. His final program before retirement was the 25-km Thames Tideway Tunnel-combined sewer (CSO) project in London, U.K., where he managed the program implementation plan for the £4.2 billion ($6 bn) project to augment the 1865 Victorian sewers built by Sir Joseph Bazalgette.

He served as a U.S. Army combat engineer officer. He and his wife, Linda, live in Carlsbad, California.
Kimberly Gerard is CEO and founder of 360 Electrical LLC, a leader in innovative electrical products. Gerard graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. She entered the petroleum industry with Conoco Oil Company where she held various positions and lived in many places from the North Slope of Alaska to Atlanta, Georgia, with additional locations in between. Gerard then went to TransMontaigne to help build it and take it public. Her final position in the industry was as a partner and vice president at Petro Source.

After 20 years in the petroleum industry, she retired and started 360 Electrical headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. 360 was born from the shear frustration of being unable to fully utilize a standard electrical outlet. It all began with a patent for rotating electrical devices. The company has expanded to multiple product lines including cords, strips, taps, mobile, smart and heavy duty.

In 2014, having become very dedicated to fitness and health, she opened a personal training gym to help people obtain their health goals. She continues to coach and encourage people toward fitness and nutrition.

Gerard now splits her time between Arizona, Utah and Wyoming, and has become involved in ministry efforts in the United States, Africa and Cambodia.

Don Glaser is Product Designer, Entrepreneur, Business Founder-Owner — Retired Glendo LLC. Glaser graduated from K-State in 1974 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Don Glaser then earned his master's in mechanical engineering from Purdue where he was a graduate research assistant under a National Science Foundation grant. In 1975 he was hired by Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati.

In 1977 Glaser co-founded a new product development and manufacturing company, Glendo Corporation, in Emporia, Kansas. Glendo specializes in producing hand and power tools for jewelry production, watchmaking, hand-engraving, fine assembly work and related fields.

Beginning in 1988 he expanded Glendo’s business outside the United States with extensive personal travel and international exhibitions. A unique training center was created for accelerated customer education for attendees from around the world. Today the business sells its U.S.-made products in more than 100 countries. In 1998 Glendo received the Kansas Governor's Exporter of the Year Award in recognition of its international growth.

Glaser holds 16 U.S. patents, 14 of which are used in commercial products. In 2013 he was asked to consider selling his business; the sale was concluded in 2014 and Glendo Corporation became Glendo LLC. Glaser lists his professional and career strengths as new product development, product management and small-to-medium quantity manufacturing processes.

In 2017 he and his wife, Linda, moved into their new Manhattan home designed for them by a K-State architect. All three of their children are successful K-State grads. Glaser enjoys snow skiing, motorcycle touring, his home machine shop, vintage audio equipment restoration and landscaping. He does not consider himself retired.
Dee Hays is founder and CEO of Excellence Engineering LLC, a national company recognized on the INC 5000 list and as one of the 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned Businesses by American Express. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University in 1989 and graduated in 2017 from Harvard Business School through the OPM program.

She began her career as a project/field engineer with Williams in Tulsa after graduation and later specialized in electrical, controls and automation during the beginning years of the automation push. Hays is a board-certified professional engineer licensed in 38 states and maintains model law status with the National Council of Professional Engineers.

Hays founded Excellence Engineering in 2001 with a focus on delivering clients better engineered construction packages for their projects and providing boutique-quality support. Excellence Engineering has grown to a full-service, multi-discipline engineering firm providing turnkey project services from concept through operational completion primarily for facilities in the energy sector throughout the U.S. She is passionate to see the green initiative movement be a positive impact for companies as well as the earth and environment, including modernizing the oil and gas sector with safe and clean processes.

Hays serves on a variety of nonprofit boards benefiting STEM efforts, women in the workplace and entrepreneurship. She was appointed to the Oklahoma Governor’s Council on Workforce and Economic Development as well as the Business Roundtable for the state. She has received numerous distinctions recognizing her leadership skills as a CEO and of a woman-owned business.

Kevin Honomichl, P.E., P.S., is president of BHC, a civil engineering and surveying firm in Overland Park, which he co-founded in 1992. He received his bachelor’s degree from Kansas State University and master’s from the University of Kansas, both in civil engineering.

Honomichl began his career as a structural engineer at Black & Veatch performing structural steel design for power plant projects and led design projects for portions of AT&T’s initial transcontinental fiber optic cable projects. He joined Ross Stephenson & Associates, Modesto, California, and continued his focus on fiber optic telecommunication projects throughout the Western United States. He and colleagues launched Brungardt Honomichl & Company P.A. in June 1992, later rebranded to BHC.

He served on the board of directors of the American Council of Engineering Companies-Kansas, including a term as national director and as the group’s national political action committee chair for Kansas. He serves on the board of directors of the Wyandotte County Economic Development Corporation and the De Soto EDC. He was elected to the De Soto City Council in 2017.

Honomichl is a trustee of the KSU Foundation and served on the K-State civil engineering advisory council. He was appointed by K-State President Richard Meyers to serve on the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle board of directors. He received the Professional Progress Award from the K-State Department of Civil Engineering and the Distinguished Service Award from Kansas State University.

He and his wife, Dianne Honomichl, P.E. (CE ’86), have one son, Mikolas.
Warren Kennedy
Senior Vice President, International and Strategic Initiatives
Oil, Gas and Chemical Division
Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company Inc.

Warren Kennedy joined Burns & McDonnell in 1990 and was first named a senior vice president in the oil, gas and chemical division in 2014. He has spent more than 30 years at the company, contributing to its diversification and success in the oil and gas, chemical and biofuel industries.

Kennedy entered Burns & McDonnell as a process engineer after completing a B.S. in chemical engineering from K-State in 1990. After six years and completing an M.S. in engineering management from the University of Kansas in 1995, he transferred to the project management department and spent eight years as a project engineer and project manager. Kennedy was named director of business development in 2005 and promoted to vice president in 2008. In 2014 he relocated to Houston, Texas, as senior vice president of Houston operations for the oil, gas and chemical division. In early 2021 he returned to Kansas City, Missouri, as senior vice president of international and strategic initiatives for the division.

Kennedy is on the executive advisory committee of the Engineering and Construction Contracting Association and previously held a seat on its board of directors. Kennedy is on the executive advisory committee of the Engineering and Construction Contracting Association and previously held a seat on its board of directors. He is a member of both AIChE and NSPE. He has been active in the Construction Industry Institute and served on the K-State chemical engineering advisory board, including a term as chairman. In 2010 he was honored by K-State’s College of Engineering with the Professional Progress Award.

He and his wife, Gisela, have two children, Cameron and Brianne, both K-State graduates. The Kennedys are avid K-State sports fans and hold season football tickets.

Ryan McGuire
Vice President of Customer Experience
J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc.

Ryan McGuire is vice president of customer experience for Lowell, Arkansas-based J.B. Hunt Transport Inc., a provider of multimodal supply chain solutions for customers across North America. He leads a team responsible for account development, revenue growth and strategic relationship building for large national accounts.

McGuire’s began his career in 1993 as an analyst with ABF Freight Systems Inc. In 1996 he joined Walmart Stores Inc. and was responsible for contract negotiations and relationship management with carriers across all modes of transport. In 1999 he joined J.B. Hunt Transport where he had responsibility for pricing, economic analysis and network planning before assuming a sales leadership role in 2017. He moved into the customer experience role in 2021 as part of a large-scale growth strategy for the company’s highway services.

Originally from Hutchinson, Kansas, McGuire earned his degree in industrial engineering from K-State in 1992. He is married to Michelle (Swim) McGuire, a 1993 graduate of K-State in social science and a former member of the Kansas State University Alumni Association board of directors. The McGuires reside in Bentonville, Arkansas, and have two sons, Matt, a student in K-State’s College of Architecture, Planning and Design; and Derek, a student at K-State Polytechnic.

McGuire has served on K-State’s industrial and manufacturing systems engineering advisory council and is currently president of the IMSE Professional Academy. He is on the board of directors of Hope Cancer Resources, Springdale, Arkansas, a non-profit organization providing compassionate professional cancer support and education in the northwest Arkansas community.
Karl Miller is a solutions-focused senior executive with more than 30 years of success in construction, engineering and utilities leveraging extensive experience in leading business turnarounds, and initiating management planning and training. His broad areas of expertise include sales strategy, financial planning, process improvement implementation and compliance reporting.

Miller is the CEO of Jingoli Power LLC, a professional services firm for the power construction industry and a subsidiary of Joseph Jingoli and Son Inc., a 95-year-old privately held New Jersey-based firm. Jingoli Power has invested in the SOO Green HVDC Link project, a 349-mile transmission line that will transport wind and solar energy via a first-ever co-location model to the country’s largest electric power markets.

Prior to launching Jingoli Power, Miller held leadership positions with Granite Construction, Kenny Construction Company, and Black & Veatch, where he managed engineering and development of power plants in the U.S., Taiwan and China. Over the course of his career, Miller has started three successful companies and managed workforces of up to 1,800 employees.

A registered engineer in eight states, he is a former board member of Vistage. Miller earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering with an emphasis on power from Kansas State University where he is now is a member of the advisory council of the mechanical and nuclear engineering department. He is also a board member for the FARM Team whose mission is to facilitate progress of individuals in addiction recovery.

Mark Nyquist, P.E., Colleyville, Texas, recently retired as the CEO of DynaTen Corporation, Fort Worth, Texas. He continues his engagement with the company and its employees as a consultant, coach and mentor.

DynaTen is a mechanical contracting, service and engineering company located in the center of Dallas–Fort Worth. Its market focus is on large health care, data and hospitality centers; high-rise living units; and office and industrial projects.

Nyquist currently serves on the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering advisory council at K-State. He has served on numerous construction and construction-related trade association boards throughout his career. He graduated from K-State with a Bachelor of Science degree in construction science in 1980.

Nyquist began with DynaTen in 1994 as the chief operating officer. He became the chairman and CEO of the company in 2004. In 2014 he led the company through a merger with Comfort Systems U.S.A., a publicly traded mechanical contracting and service business operating in 120 cities throughout the U.S.
Robert W. Reichenberger is the president and founder of Solar Prime LLC, a Colorado-based renewable energy development and services company he started in 2012. While heading up Solar Prime he has led the development of more than 1400MW of large-scale solar projects in the Southwest U.S., including four operational projects totaling 530MW.

Prior to this, as head of SunEdison’s utility business in North America, Reichenberger led a $400 million P&L responsible for securing and executing solar power projects. Before embarking on his renewable energy career he had spent 16 years in the telecom industry in various sales and operations leadership roles.

Reichenberger holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering with honors from Kansas State University and an MBA from the University of Colorado. He lives in Denver, Colorado, with his wife, Becca. Reichenberger is involved as a volunteer at a local food bank and with his church. He enjoys food and wine, travel, snow skiing, hiking and various other outdoor activities.

Simeon O. Terry is vice president of diversity affairs for Austin Commercial. He has been in the construction industry for 30 years and managed diversity programs for 21 years. Currently he oversees the company’s diversity and inclusion program both internally and externally. This includes overseeing cultural competency education, diversity compliance, affirmative action, recruiting/hiring, mentoring, and minority and women business procurement. He has held previous positions of director of diversity and diversity program manager for Austin Commercial over his 21 years with the company.

Terry works with many different departments within Austin including accounting, legal, risk management, marketing and business development, operations and human resources. He began his career in construction as a safety manager and has held positions as scheduler, construction manager, project manager and operations manager. Prior to his career in construction he worked as a manufacturing engineering for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, Missouri, building F-18 Hornet airplanes for the Navy and as a loss control regional manager for Liberty Mutual.

He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Kansas State University and an MBA in finance from the University of Phoenix-Dallas. He also holds a Master Compliance Administrator Certification (MCA) from Morgan State University.

Terry has received numerous recognitions including the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency State, Regional and National Minority Business Enterprise Advocate of the Year Award; Champions of Diversity Award; Minority Business Leader Award; National Diversity Council Top 100 Diversity Champions Award; and the Dallas Business Journal Leaders in Diversity Award.
Art Umble holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Kansas State University and a doctoral degree in the same discipline from the University of Notre Dame. He currently leads the global wastewater treatment sector for Stantec and directs the Stantec Institute for Water Technology & Policy. He focuses on municipal and industrial wastewater treatment technologies with an emphasis on converting waste streams to value streams. In this role, Umble provides technical analysis and support to design teams for new and rehabilitated wastewater treatment plants focused on nutrient removal and recovery facilities, process optimization for treatment capacity and energy management, wet-weather treatment, solids processing and disposal facilities, disinfection systems, and reuse and emerging contaminant-removal technology. In addition to consulting, his experience includes university teaching and managing a publicly owned water and wastewater utility. Umble is a national leader in initiatives involving promotion of environmentally sustainable systems from watershed planning to pollution prevention. He serves on numerous state and national forums and stakeholder work groups related to emerging treatment technologies, sustainability in treatment and environmental regulation. He is on numerous steering committees for the Water Environment Federation (WEF), is an adviser to the Water Research Foundation, and serves on the editorial advisory council for the peer-reviewed journal, Water Environment Research. He also serves on advisory councils for engineering colleges at two universities.

Beth Ward is senior vice president of supply chain and a corporate officer at Hallmark Cards Inc. In this role Ward is responsible for global supply chain planning, manufacturing, logistics, global procurement, product integrity and supply chain technical resources. She is passionate about the role supply chain plays in helping Hallmark win, as well as the importance of creating great teams to drive continuous improvement and collaboration across boundaries. Ward joined Hallmark in 1996 and has since gained a wide range of living and working experiences across the global organization – from Hong Kong where she served as managing director of Asia Pacific procurement, to Bentonville, Arkansas, where she was retail operations vice president for team Walmart and facilitated creation of Hallmark’s new Walmart office. She also served as director of logistics services and general manager of order distribution at Hallmark’s Liberty Distribution Center. Prior to joining Hallmark Ward worked as an industrial engineer for JC Penney. She holds a bachelor’s degree in industrial and manufacturing systems engineering from Kansas State University and a master’s degree in engineering management from the University of Kansas. Ward has been an active community servant in Kansas City on behalf of the United Way and the Central Exchange. She is also currently vice-chair for the Goodwill Advisory Board and the acting chair of the advisory council for the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering at Kansas State University.
Jerry Westhoff, P.E., is president and founder of J.J. Westhoff Construction Co., which builds sanitary landfills for municipalities and private companies such as Waste Management and Waste Connections, coal combustion residue monofills for coal-fired power plants, as well as wastewater treatment plants and utilities throughout Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa.

Westhoff earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Kansas State University in 1974. He began his career with Continental Oil Company in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and then Denver, Colorado, as a field engineer. He next joined a construction company in Lincoln, Nebraska, as a project engineer overseeing its wastewater treatment plant division. In 1980 he founded J.J. Westhoff Construction Co.

He has served on the K-State civil engineering advisory council, is a member of the board of trustees of the KSU Foundation and is a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Westhoff and his wife, Robin, a 1975 graduate of K-State in home economics/family and child development, have two children and three grandchildren. Their daughter, Katie, is a graduate of Colorado State University and their son, Michael, is a graduate of K-State.