

Jack Champaigne President, Electronics Inc.

Jack was born (1943) and raised in South Bend, Indiana. He is a graduate of John Adams High School (1961) and Purdue University (BSEE 1968). He established his business, Electronics Inc. in 1974. Over the past 80 years Jack's passion, contributions, and love of this community is exhibited by his dedication to education, the local arts, the South Bend schools' alumni communities, veteran empowerment, and STEM.

Education & SB Alumni Engagement

Jack provides scholarships to local students to pursue their collegiate goals through the local John Purdue Club, the South Bend Alumni Association, and a Named Endowment at Purdue University. Jack has served on the board of the South Bend Alumni Association since 2011.

Stewardship of the Arts

He is a great supporter of local arts and culture. He has served on the board of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra since 1990 where he provided multi-year support for the Masterworks series, Mosaic series and the Musicians' Lounge.

Jack has supported the South Bend Museum of Art since 2015 and is a former board member. In 2016 he received the Carlotta Banta Award. He has sponsored the Scholastic Art Awards for local teens with exceptional artistic talent. He also has sponsored several Robert C. Shields American Series, an annual event which shares American art history and culture of our nation with our local community.

Jack has also served on the board of directors for the South Bend Civic Theater since 2019. He was the lead sponsor for the music loft allowing for live symphonic music for the theater.

Veteran Empowerment

When there was a draft for the Vietnam War, Jack was not able to join because of asthma. In appreciation Jack therefore supports our local vets by contributions which established a tiny village for Mishawaka Troop Town and serving on the board. He was recently awarded the Drum Major Award in January 2023 for this effort.

STEM Contributions

He founded Electronics Inc, a key player in the field of surface enhancement engineering and is the leading global authority on fatigue and stress analysis. Jack holds 30 U.S. Patents, and the company has distributors in 20 countries. He holds several national and international leadership roles. He serves as a member of the International Scientific Committee on Shot Peening (1993) and serves as the chairman of the Society of Automotive Engineers Industrial and Aerospace Surface Enhancement Committees and is a charter member of the Purdue University Committee on Surface Engineering and Enhancement.

Awards

- Society of Automotive Engineers Outstanding Contribution Award 2010
- South Bend Samaritan Counseling Center Award 2012
- South Bend Museum of Art Carlotta Banta award 2016
- South Bend Symphony Orchestra Gift of Music Award 2017
- National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program 2018
- Purdue Club Distinguished Alumni Award 2019
- Get Wet for A Vet 2019
- Indiana University Rising Star 2020
- Drum Major Award 2023