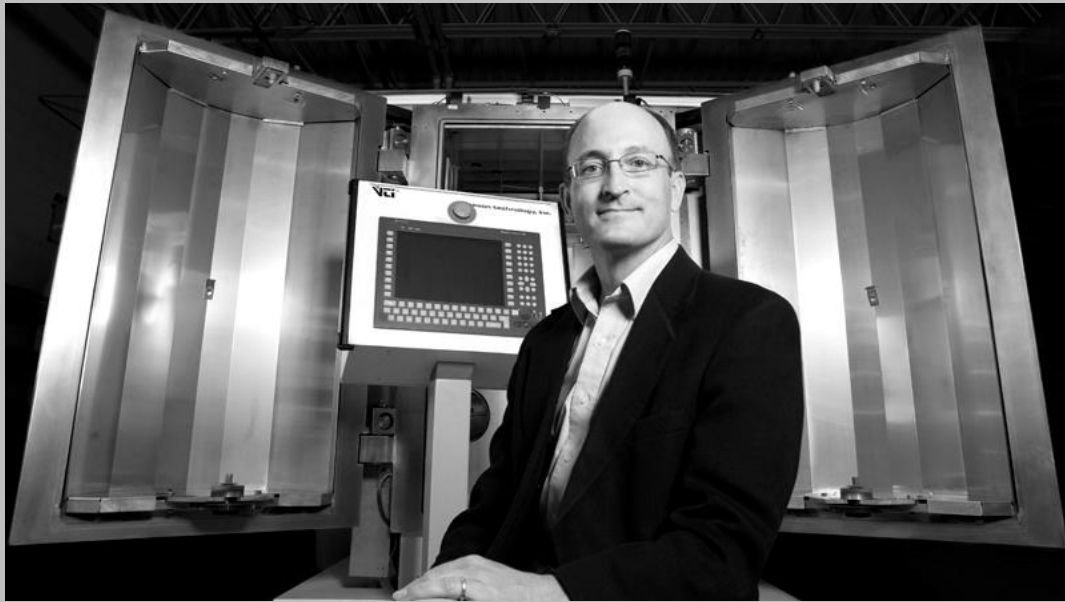


S-VE Graduate of Distinction

Gary Vergason

Class of 1972



Gary Vergason completed his 4-year maintenance electrical apprenticeship in 1977 at Borg-Warner in Ithaca, New York. He spent several years as a field service technician for 3M Company in Las Vegas, Nevada. Gary has worked for over 33 years in the field of vacuum coatings, beginning with Multi-Arc Vacuum Systems in St. Paul, Minnesota and Perkin-Elmer Corporation in Eden Prairie, Minnesota before founding Vergason Technology in 1986 where he is currently its CEO and Chairman. His areas of expertise include: Physical Vapor Deposition, Chemical Vapor Deposition and Plasma Enhanced Chemical Vapor Deposition. He has authored and co-authored numerous patents, technical papers and articles. Under his guidance, VTI has grown into an international supplier of vacuum coating machines and toll coating services supplying the automotive, aerospace, medical, electronic, military, cosmetics and consumer product markets. Gary was instrumental in inventing the LEAN manufacturing method of synchronous rapid-cycle vacuum coating. In 1996, he was named New York State Small Business Person of the Year by Governor George Pataki. Gary is the president-elect of the international Society of Vacuum Coaters and also serves on the Board of Directors and Trustees at Rhodes State College, Athens Soccer Academy and WSKG Public Media.