William J. (Bill) Cutts

2011 Auburn University Industrial and Systems Engineering Alumnus of the Year

William J. (Bill) Cutts has been named Auburn University’s Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering 2011 Alumnus of the Year. Cutts is a 1955 graduate of the department. As president and CEO of American Tank & Vessel, Inc. (AT&V), a corporation known worldwide for its exceptional performance in the engineering, fabrication and erection of steel structures, Cutts has made a name for himself as both an engineer and a pioneer in the field of pressurized tanks and vessels. His engineering expertise and his commitment to exceeding industry standards has led to AT&V providing innovative solutions for more than 2,500 projects in the United States and internationally, including the construction of tanks exceeding 700,000 barrels in six months to the completion of projects encompassing 40 tanks in six months. AT&V’s performance has subsequently earned the company the distinction of being the most efficient erector of steel structures worldwide and it currently has annual revenue exceeding $84 million. With the same integrity that he runs his business, Cutts uses his resources to impact others. AT&V has engaged in global mission work, sending three medical mission teams and two educational teams to Ghana, Africa. Working through the Methodist Bishop in Ghana, AT&V has established two schools in Ghana; one is a sister school to Houston Christian School in Houston, TX, and the other one is a sister school to Indian Springs Elementary School in Mobile, AL.

A firm believer in education, Cutts has provided significant support to Auburn University’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, most recently providing funding for the college’s new Advanced Research Laboratory Building that is a part of the Shelby Center for Engineering Technology. He is also a member of the Engineering Keystone Society. With the talents of an insightful industrial engineer and a perceptive entrepreneur, he has established a premier corporation that has grown to incorporate capacity around the world and today, engineers, fabricates and erects steel structures with unsurpassed performance and safety.