

Ed Lewis, '72 Industrial Engineering



Ed Lewis is a 1972 industrial engineering graduate who built a highly successful career in the private sector. He began his career at Textron Corp. before moving on to the Georgia Tech Research Institute. The bulk of his career in the private sector was spent at Mars Inc. where he began as a systems engineer and rose to plant manager and then director of engineering. His time at Mars culminated with his retirement as the vice president of manufacturing and supply chain.

Following his retirement, Lewis was called home to serve his alma mater. With the forethought for the future of engineering, he constructed a business plan, assisted in the development of funding and served as a corporate liaison with Siemens Corporation for the construction of the Auburn University MRI Research Center. He has helped build relationships with the medical community, specifically the University of Alabama Birmingham, and other engineering medical institutions to position Auburn Engineering as a leader in MRI research.

Lewis currently serves as senior advisor to the dean at the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. In addition to his role as senior advisor to the dean, he led the college's development efforts during the recent "Because This is Auburn" campaign, raising more than \$247 million toward support for student scholarships and fellowships, student programs and faculty, and facility upgrades.