

Bob Banks – 2009 Award Winner – Red Wing Campus

Bob's degree in Industrial Technology continues to be a springboard for his entrepreneurial spirit. Bob is a great example of one who combines his passion for an industry with his educational skill-set; a successful combination. As a student, he enjoyed mechanics and engineering and channeled his interests into the Industrial Technology program. He went on to start his own company, Gemini Products (now Strike Products), specializing in creating the forms and systems used in concrete precast construction. Bob has worked with municipalities throughout the country.

He also created Banks Outdoors, a company that allows him to combine his love for the outdoors with his professional engineering skills. An avid hunter and fisherman, Bob designs fishing accessories, and blinds and shelters. He and his wife Marlene and their three sons are involved with their companies.