

# CHRIS LUEBBEHUSEN

## Engineering a Safer Tomorrow: The Story of Chris Luebbehusen

Graduate: Class of 1983    Occupation: Test Engineering Manager  
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Designing and creating electrical systems intended to save lives demands a huge responsibility, but creating testers that ensure those systems work properly becomes a whole different league. A Test Engineering Manager for Kimball, my father has the responsibility of ensuring vital systems in the Malibu's ABS module work properly when life or death depends on it. Enthusiastically, he goes to work each day doing what he loves.

A Forest Park alumnus, Chris Luebbehusen graduated toward the top of his class of 1983, and he received many academic and service awards. While recalling his time at Forest Park, Chris remembers his several friends and generally enjoyable high school years, and he tells present high school students, "Good or bad, the experiences you have in high school you will remember for the rest of your life." He enjoyed his mathematics-based classes (calculus, physics, and drafting) making engineering the practical choice of profession. Along with his education at Forest Park, hard work led him to become successful at Purdue as well. For Chris, Purdue and hard work accompany each other; as a result, he graduated in the top three percent, earning the highest distinction Purdue has to offer. When on summer breaks from Purdue, Chris worked for Crane as a co-op student. While working there he received a monetary award for a cost savings idea, a rarity for a co-op student.

While at college, Chris met his future wife, Angie Mehringer, at a Purdue versus Indiana University basketball game. On April 15, 1989, they wedded in St. Joseph Church in Jasper. An excited engineer new to the workforce, Chris began working on sonar systems for Crane, and at one point, he worked on a military submarine. Although he enjoyed his job there, he decided that he would work for Kimball International-where he still works today.

When asked about his job, Chris said, "I manage a department of engineers and technicians that design, develop, and maintain test software and test equipment that we use to test and verify that the electronic assemblies Kimball manufactures are free of defects." Through the time that he has worked at Kimball, he has had contracts with many different companies: Diebold, IBM, Honeywell, and more. To add to his already successful career, Chris attained a promotion to test engineering manager and

still holds that position to this day. Dutifully, Chris has worked at Kimball for 21 years.

Dutiful and compassionate, Chris has become an excellent father for four children. Residing in Ferdinand, Indiana, he lives in the house that he proudly designed. Encompassing the definition of success, my father goes to work and comes home with a smile every day. Who could want more than that?