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## Celebrating Excellence: Nathan Bolesworth

### 2023 Buck W Wong & J-Tech Annex 2 Employee of the Program Award Winner

In the realm of excellence, there are individuals who not only shine but also cast light on paths for others to follow. Nathan Bolesworth, Arcata Associates' 2023 Buck W. Wong Award Winner, exemplifies this excellence. Named after Arcata's founder, the Buck W. Wong Award stands as a beacon of distinction within our company, recognizing individuals who embody our core values and elevate our standards.

Nathan Bolesworth, a Software Engineer, "seems to always be in the right place at the right time to solve critical problems for JT4, the NTTR, and the customer," said Hans Kimm, Operations Support Manager. His journey toward this accolade reflects a blend of dedication, expertise, and a commitment to excellence. Neal Ungs, Arcata's Engineering & Integration (E&I) Manager, aptly captured Nathan's essence in his nomination, describing him as a self-starter driven by a pursuit of knowledge and a passion for problem-solving. Nathan's contributions extend beyond conventional roles, as he delves deep into the intricacies of range infrastructure testing, and mission support.

Rooted in his childhood fascination with computers and engineering, Nathan's career trajectory was shaped by his grandfather's guidance, igniting a lifelong interest in the field of computer science. Nathan attributes much of his success to his wife, Tia, whose support has been a constant source of strength throughout his journey.

Nathan's dedication to customer satisfaction is evident in his instrumental role in installing and configuring SIMDIS—a critical component for NTTR operations. His proficiency in coding, networking, and troubleshooting, coupled with his innate ability to apply these skills to operational challenges, sets him apart as a true innovator within our organization.

As the recipient of the Buck W. Wong Award, Nathan epitomizes Arcata's core values: Achievement, Customer Focus, People-centric Approach, Integrity, Quality, Innovation, and Community Engagement. His selection from a pool of outstanding candidates underscores his valuable contributions to our customers.

At Arcata, we take pride in celebrating the achievements of our employees, and Nathan's recognition serves as a testament to the caliber of talent within our ranks. His dedication to advancing the NTTR's capabilities and fostering innovation embodies the spirit of our company.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Nathan Bolesworth for his well-deserved accolades—the Buck W. Wong Award and the Arcata J-Tech Annex 2 Employee of the Program Award. Nathan received his 2023 Buck W. Wong Award at the annual corporate appreciation dinner, where his achievements were celebrated amongst peers and colleagues. Additionally, his recognition as the Arcata J-Tech Annex 2 Employee of the Program Award recipient was commemorated at our appreciation event at Atomic Golf—a fitting tribute to his exceptional contributions.



## President's Message

*Reflecting on our company's 45-year journey, I am immensely grateful to everyone who has contributed to our success. Arcata stands today as a testament to our employees' unwavering commitment and expertise.*

*Our mission is not just about meeting demands; it's about surpassing expectations and achieving what others deem impossible. You exemplify this spirit daily through your relentless pursuit of excellence in serving our customers. Whether supporting our nation's warfighters, advancing our understanding of aeronautics, space, and science, or groundbreaking technological innovation, your contributions are invaluable.*



In this newsletter, you'll meet some of the remarkable individuals within our company who have been honored for their achievements. Their stories represent the diverse talents and values that define our Arcata Team.

I also want to take this moment to express my appreciation to our customers. Your trust and collaboration have not only allowed us to embark on projects that will shape our future but have also been instrumental in our past successes. We look forward to many more years of productive collaboration.

To our employees, I extend my deepest thanks. Your dedication to our customers' missions and passion for delivering the highest caliber of quality make you the backbone of our success. Each of you plays a crucial role in making Arcata a leader in our field.

Lastly, I want to personally thank my father, Buck Wong, for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading this esteemed team for over forty years. He continues to inspire me as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead.

***"As we look forward to the future, let's continue to innovate, collaborate, and push the boundaries of what's possible. Together, we will write the next chapter of Arcata's legacy-one that I believe will inspire future generations."***

*Tim Wong*



## ***Navigating the Cosmos: Journey of Dedication and Innovation***

### **Tyler D'Arienzo 2023 Arcata Employee of the MOSSI II Program**

In the intricate web of space exploration, there exists a cadre of individuals whose work is fundamental to the success of missions beyond our atmosphere. Tyler D'Arienzo, a versatile engineer at Arcata, is such an individual. D'Arienzo's self-motivation to successfully multitask with a dual certification in Data Management Coordination (DMC) and Payload Operations and Integration Center (POIC) Safety Engineering, with a focus on supporting real-time International Space Station (ISS) payload operations, has earned him honors as 2023 Employee of the MOSSI II Program.

For D'Arienzo, the allure of space operations was irresistible from an early age, growing up in the heart of Rocket City, Huntsville. The sight of the iconic Saturn V at the Space and Rocket Center served as a constant reminder of the boundless possibilities of space exploration, fueling his ambition to contribute to this field.

Joining Arcata in January 2018, D'Arienzo seized the opportunity to work on a NASA contract, driven by the prospect of witnessing astronauts conduct scientific experiments on a daily basis. As a DMC, he plays a pivotal role in managing, configuring, and troubleshooting network devices onboard the ISS, ensuring seamless communication and data transfer essential for payload activities. Additionally, D'Arienzo provides critical support to Increment Lead DMC Planners, facilitating the scheduling and tracking of data/video resources for ISS activities.

Simultaneously, D'Arienzo serves as a POIC Safety Engineer, contributing to payload design and operational development by integrating applied operational controls to address hazardous situations and ensure crew and station safety. In real-time operations, he assumes the role of a safety subject matter expert, providing invaluable guidance to other console positions.

Despite the inherent challenges of the job, D'Arienzo finds fulfillment in supporting the greater payload operations community, enabling groundbreaking experiments onboard the ISS that have the potential to revolutionize human exploration of space. Witnessing the culmination of research endeavors onboard the ISS stands as a testament to the team's dedication and passion for space exploration.

D'Arienzo has achieved notable milestones, including spearheading the rebuilding of the Increment Lead DMC team. Mitch Moore, POIC Safety Lead said, "Tyler has served as lead to 21 various payloads, while backing up another 19. This is very unusual for a newly certified safety engineer to be trusted with this amount of responsibility and is a testament to his capabilities."

In D'Arienzo's journey, several individuals have played instrumental roles in their personal and professional development. From Derek Johns, providing invaluable guidance and encouragement, to colleagues like Joseph Kypel, Jacob Onken, Benjamin Harper, and Mitchell Moore, offering steadfast support and mentorship, D'Arienzo acknowledges the profound impact of their guidance. He also says of Eleese Smith and Grant Lowman, current increment Lead DMC's, "I don't know how long I would have been able to maintain all of those responsibilities on my own without their patience and help."

Outside of work, D'Arienzo finds solace and joy in spending time with his energetic dog, Echo, and engaging in recreational activities such as playing pool, chess, and exploring the outdoors through backpacking trips and obstacle course races. Balancing work and personal life is an ongoing endeavor underscored by the importance of having a supportive team and learning to prioritize self-care.

In offering recommendations for achieving goals, D'Arienzo emphasizes the value of collaboration and seeking assistance when needed. "Taking a step back to look at the bigger picture can really help you refocus on the real issues," said D'Arienzo.

In the vast expanse of space exploration, individuals like D'Arienzo embody the spirit of innovation and hard work, propelling humanity's quest to unravel the mysteries of the cosmos.





## Energizing AUTC with Expertise: Timothy Hall 2023 Arcata AUTC Employee of the Program

At Arcata, we're proud to spotlight one individual who electrifies our team with his passion and proficiency – Timothy Hall, our Master Electrician Supervisor at the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTC) Program. In nominating Tim, AUTC Facilities Maintenance Manager Bruce Johnson said, "Tim's experience and knowledge of our operations is invaluable to the improvement of our processes and workflow."

**Powering Progress:** Tim's role as Master Electrician is pivotal in ensuring the smooth operation of our AUTC program. Tasked with delegating responsibilities and ensuring timely project completion, Tim brings not only technical acumen but also a commitment to exceptional service for our customers.

**From Sparks to Success:** Tim's journey into the electrical field was sparked by a desire to pursue a hands-on trade career early in life. His transition to Arcata in February 2022 marked a significant chapter, bringing his expertise to the AUTC program after international stints in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Dubai.

**Bright Lights of Achievement:** Within the program, Tim finds fulfillment in the close-knit community atmosphere and the opportunity for meaningful engagement with AUTC residents. His dedication hasn't gone unnoticed, earning accolades from both the Navy and Arcata for outstanding performance, notably achieving his Master's license.



**Empowered by Mentorship:** Behind every success story lies the guidance of mentors. For Tim, individuals like Don Stewart and Ron Panter laid the groundwork for his construction and industrial knowledge. Currently, Bruce Johnson plays a pivotal role in enriching his expertise here at AUTC.

**Beyond the Circuit:** Outside of work, Tim finds joy in various activities, from sports spectating to immersive experiences like fishing, snorkeling, and lobstering. However, his greatest source of happiness lies in cherishing moments with his family, a balance he values amidst the demands of his profession.

**Wired for Success:** For those aspiring to emulate his achievements, Tim offers a simple yet profound recommendation – work hard and take pride in your craft. It's this ethos that has propelled him to the forefront of our team, illuminating the path for others to follow.

As we continue to power ahead at Arcata, Tim Hall stands as a shining example of dedication, excellence, and unwavering commitment to service. Join us in celebrating his invaluable contributions to our team and the AUTC community.



## **Behind the Scenes with Tracie Contreras Video Production Clerk**

### **2023 Arcata RF&ESS II Employee of the Program**

In the dynamic world of media production, there is a vital position that is essential for seamless operations and customer satisfaction. Tracie Contreras, a Video Production Clerk at the RF&ESS II Program, plays a pivotal role in ensuring the success of our video production endeavors.

As a Video Production Clerk, Tracie is a key member of our video production team, responsible for liaising with customers to gather necessary details for their events or requests. From coordinating schedules to setting up reminders, Tracie ensures that all aspects of our video production process are meticulously planned and executed. Whether it's prepping the studio, creating and inputting graphics, or testing live stream integrations, she helps keep our operations running smoothly. In nominating Tracie for the distinguished Employee of the Program award, Video Supervisor Lori Losey said, "She is a motivated self-starter who has embraced learning a variety of tasks our WBS supports. She is professional and proactive with customer communication and requirements gathering."

Tracie's journey to this position was marked by a transformative personal experience. After some personal challenges, she navigated through various jobs, from working in school districts to repairing school buses. However, the prospect of joining Arcata's video production team sparked a newfound sense of excitement and purpose. Despite the uncertainty surrounding the contract's duration, Tracie took a leap of faith, embracing the opportunity to pursue a career that aligned with her aspirations.

Joining Arcata in May 2020 amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tracie said she was immediately drawn to the vibrant atmosphere and camaraderie within the video production team. The chance to work on projects that contribute to NASA's endeavors and the opportunity to immerse herself in various aspects of media production fueled her enthusiasm for the program. "Everyone seemed like family members, and the length of time they had worked here, reassured me that this is where I wanted to be," said Tracie. Losey describes Tracie as someone who goes above and beyond. "Tracie's personal desire and willingness to review over 850 videotape files to ensure they were done and properly documented is a testament to her pride of work. This was not asked of her. She wanted to make sure that historic data was not lost once the tapes were disposed of."

Tracie said what she values most about her role is the opportunity to interact with individuals who have left an indelible mark on NASA's history and future. From participating in student mentoring programs to overseeing live events, Tracie cherishes the diverse experiences and learning opportunities afforded by their role in video production. Tracie said, "It's never a dull moment here in the video department, I love it!"

Despite the rewards, she acknowledges the challenges of maintaining a work-life balance, particularly in separating work-related thoughts from personal time. When she goes home she can't help but think about work. For example, "I watch football and I am wondering what type of camera they are using or noticing their lower third graphics," said Tracie.

Reflecting on her journey, Tracie attributes her success to the unwavering support of family, colleagues, and mentors. From Lori Losey and Tim Peters, who provided guidance and mentorship, Tracie recognizes the invaluable role of these individuals in shaping her professional and personal growth.

When not immersed in video production, Tracie finds joy in spending time with family and friends, volunteering at church, and nurturing her passion for gardening.

In offering recommendations to others pursuing their goals, Tracie emphasizes the importance of having a clear vision, maintaining a healthy mindset, and finding solace in sources of peace. By embracing one's uniqueness and surrounding oneself with positive influences, Tracie believes that anything is possible.



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# Maintaining Excellence: **CJ Henry**

## 2023 Arcata Range Support Services II (RSSII) Employee of the Program

Arcata's RSII Employee of the Program, 2023, is CJ Henry, the Logistics General Lead and Heavy Duty Mechanic at the Tolicha Peak Electronic Combat Range (TPECR) Vehicle Maintenance Facility. With over two decades of dedicated service, CJ embodies the commitment and expertise that define Arcata's mission success.

### A Commitment to Excellence

Since joining Arcata in 2017, CJ has played an important role in ensuring the operational readiness of our vehicle fleet at TPECR. His dual responsibilities as a logistics lead and heavy-duty mechanic are critical, requiring him to prioritize tasks and maintain seamless communication with supervisors. "Communication is key," CJ emphasizes, underscoring the importance of teamwork and efficiency in daily operations.

### Passion and Pride in Service

For CJ, the most fulfilling aspect of his role lies in supporting the Air Force's mission readiness. "I feel I'm doing my part in helping the country," he shares. His unwavering dedication to excellence stems from a deep-seated work ethic instilled by his parents and nurtured through years of hands-on experience in automotive technology and maintenance.

### A Journey of Dedication

Born and raised in Las Vegas, CJ's journey into automotive technology began early, influenced by his family's passion for racing. After completing his education and training at VoTech High School (since renamed Southeast Career & Technical Academy) and Universal Technical Institute, he started his career in the industry. While we credit CJ's dedication, expertise, and experience for his success, we must also recognize his wife, Andrea, who works in vehicle maintenance at TPECR. CJ says, "We work all day together. Everyone thinks I'm crazy, but I love it. I can do my job well because of her support and a great team."



### Beyond the Job

Outside of work, CJ finds solace in camping and trail riding with his family and beloved dog, making the most of the natural beauty surrounding their home in Amargosa Valley. His ability to balance work and personal interests speaks volumes about his resilience and dedication.

### Challenges and Rewards

Working in a remote location presents challenges, including a long hour-and-a-half commute. CJ leverages this time to prepare for and unwind from his workday, maintaining a positive outlook and focusing on his responsibilities.

### Arcata: A Place Where You Matter

Reflecting on his tenure at Arcata, CJ appreciates the company's genuine care for its employees. "Arcata knows its employees, and they care about them. You're not just a number," he remarks, highlighting the supportive environment fostered by leadership from Paul Bitume and Alicia Mendez in the corporate office and colleagues alike. In CJ's eyes, a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect makes Arcata a standout employer.

### Advice for Future Professionals

To those aspiring to follow in his footsteps, CJ offers practical advice: perseverance and adaptability are key. Embrace the peace and community of remote work settings and prioritize teamwork over competition. "Stick it out and appreciate you're not in the chaos of larger cities or offices," he advises, emphasizing the rewarding nature of building lasting relationships within a supportive team environment.

CJ's dedication hasn't gone unnoticed. "His proactive approach in leveraging salvage parts has not only saved time and money but has also set a benchmark for quality and efficiency in vehicle maintenance," says Rian Heide, Northern Transportation Supervisor, in nominating CJ for this award.

Join us in congratulating CJ Henry on being named the RSII Employee of the Program. His story reminds us of the profound difference individuals can make when driven by a high standard of work ethic and supported by a community that values their contributions.



## **Corporate Commitment to Excellence:** **Stuart Lessman 2023 Arcata Corporate Employee of the Year**

Arcata has named Stuart Lessman as our 2023 Arcata Corporate Employee of the Year. Stuart has been an invaluable team member since September 19, 2011, contributing significantly to our Corporate Finance, Accounting, and Payroll functions. His commitment and dedication shine through in everything he does, making him deserving of this honor.

Stuart plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation of our payroll systems. Bob Duncan, Director of Finance, shares, "As a member of the finance team, Stuart has two separate and distinct customers, our contractors and our internal Arcata departments. Stuart has shown the ability to enhance both customers." His meticulous attention to detail and strong mathematical aptitude have been instrumental in maintaining accuracy and compliance in payroll processes. Duncan adds, "Stuart took it upon himself to recently contact various managers regarding year-end 401K percentage changes to ensure all employees will receive their full 401K match." Beyond his primary responsibilities, Stuart has proactively supported ad hoc requests and audits, demonstrating his versatility and contributions to the team's success.

### **Journey and Inspiration**

Having transitioned from a background in customer service, Stuart found his way to the corporate environment, drawn by the challenges and the opportunity to apply his strengths in mathematics and process management. His journey with Arcata began with the Orion Program, where he initially contributed to our nation's space exploration efforts. His transition to the corporate office was a natural progression. Stuart shares, "I had always been impressed with the company's culture and values at the contract level, so remaining to support the corporate office directly seemed like a natural fit."

### **Challenges and Achievements**

Stuart thrives on the dynamic nature of his role, where each day presents new challenges alongside routine tasks. His ability to manage expected responsibilities and unexpected demands speaks volumes about his resilience and dedication. Stuart's professional achievements, including being recognized as Contract Employee of the Year and winning Arcata's highest honor in 2012, the Buck W. Wong Award, underscore his impactful contributions to Arcata's success.

### **Personal Insights**

Outside work, Stuart finds joy in spending time with his family, enjoying movies, travel, and memorable experiences like their recent Disney Cruise. His active involvement in community initiatives such as blood donation and supporting local fundraising efforts exemplifies his commitment to making a positive difference beyond the office.

### **Words of Wisdom**

Stuart's advice for achieving success resonates deeply with his approach to work and life: "Find enjoyment in what you do and always strive to exceed expectations when supporting others." His cheerful demeanor and collaborative spirit create a supportive work environment where teamwork thrives, making him a trusted partner to colleagues and managers. Stuart Lessman embodies Arcata's values—dedication, innovation, and a commitment to excellence. His journey from the Orion Program to becoming our Corporate Employee of the Year is a testament to his continuous growth and impact within our organization. Please join us in congratulating Stuart on this well-deserved recognition!





## Unsung Hero: The Technician Behind Radar Simulation

### Michael Johnson

#### 2023 Arcata J-Tech Annex 3 Employee of the Program

Meet Michael Johnson, a dedicated technician at the Utah Test & Training Range (UTTR), specializing in the maintenance and repair of electronic equipment simulating radar signals from enemy missile systems for the US Air Force. His role is vital for the training of our armed forces.

A passion for computers, science, and technology guided Mike's journey into this career field. Recognizing the foundational role of electronics in modern technology, Mike pursued a degree in Electronics and Computer Technology from Utah State University. This educational background paved the way for Mike's entry into the defense industry, joining Arcata in the summer of 2013.

The decision to join Arcata was not merely opportunistic but stemmed from his familiarity with the equipment, acquired during his prior employment. The desire to have Electronic Warfare (EW) assets at J-Tech Annex 3 (UTTR) in 2012 eventually led Mike to Arcata, where he could continue supporting to the defense preparedness of the nation.

What sets Arcata's program apart for Mike is not just the technical challenges but also the sense of purpose it provides. Contributing to the defense of America instills a sense of pride, amplified by the remote location and frequent jet flyovers, creating an atmosphere of dedication and patriotism. Moreover, Mike appreciates the supportive work environment fostered by patient supervisors and like-minded colleagues, enabling them to focus on their tasks with minimal pressure.

However, this job is not without its challenges. Mike often encounters situations where equipment requires repair with minimal guidance, necessitating meticulous problem-solving skills and a deep understanding of electronics. A recent major accomplishment in Mike's career was reverse engineering and repairing a control card without schematics, showcasing his resourcefulness and expertise. In nominating Mike for Employee of the Program, Arcata Supervisor Steven Bolinder said, "Mike played the most important technical role for making the system operational again for the warfighters."

Throughout Mike's journey, various individuals have played pivotal roles in their personal and professional growth. Inspired by his parents' encouragement to pursue higher education, Mike found motivation in his father's practical skills, realizing his own potential in tackling complex challenges.



Outside of work, Mike finds solace in reading and continuous learning, cherishing moments spent with family. Balancing work and personal life, he emphasizes the importance of focusing on the task at hand while allowing the subconscious mind to work through challenges, blurring the lines between work and leisure.

For aspiring individuals seeking to achieve their goals, Mike offers simple yet profound advice: prioritize what matters most, put in the effort, and be prepared to make sacrifices along the way. Success is not guaranteed, but with determination and diligence, anything is possible. Mike said, "Do your homework, and don't expect success unless you're willing to consistently sacrifice."

In the intricate landscape of defense technology, it is individuals like Michael Johnson who quietly ensure the readiness of our armed forces, embodying resilience, expertise, and unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation's security. Their impact resonates deeply within the realm of national defense, underscoring the significance of their role as unsung heroes behind the scenes.





## Arcata Corporate Office Spotlight: Robert Duncan Guiding Arcata's Finances

At Arcata we are privileged to have a dedicated team in our corporate office whose expertise illuminate the path to success. One such guiding light is Director of Finance, Robert Duncan, also known as Bob. Bob is a cornerstone of our Corporate Office team.

**Roots and Aspirations:** Hailing from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bob's childhood was adorned with memories of snow-filled adventures and family trips to Eagle River. However, his aspirations transcended geographical boundaries, envisioning a future as a financial analyst, inspired by his knack for numbers and love for the intricacies of finance.

**From Coast to Coast:** Bob's journey led him to the sunny shores of California, where he pursued his academic endeavors at Cal Poly and San Diego State University, earning a Bachelor's and MBA in Accounting and Finance, respectively. His professional odyssey commenced at Mission Linen Supply, where he honed his skills as an Accountant and Auditor.

**A Return to Arcata:** In 1994, Bob embarked on his first tenure with Arcata, a relationship that endured despite an interlude for personal growth and change. His return to Arcata in 2019 was driven by a call from Arcata management and a desire to leverage his expertise in the RSS program and address accounting challenges, a task he embraced with determination.



**Navigating Financial Waters:** At Arcata, Bob assumes a pivotal role as a supervisor overseeing various accounting functions, from payroll to audits. "One of the most challenging tasks is dealing with multiple layers of timecard submittals," said Bob. His adept leadership is complemented by a dedicated team whose professionalism enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of the department.

**Finding Joy in Collaboration:** What Bob relishes most about his role is the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues like Silvia Montilla, whose partnership brings joy and ease to his work. Bob said, "What I enjoy most about my job is the wonderful people I get to work with throughout the company."

**Beyond the Balance Sheet:** Outside of work, Robert finds solace in sports analysis and personal investments, harboring aspirations of becoming a day trader in retirement. His recent health obstacles, including a four-month stint at City of Hope hospital, have only reinforced his belief in the power of positivity and the unwavering support of his Arcata family. "The support of the people at Arcata's corporate office play a great part in my continuing recovery."

### Words of Wisdom

For those embarking on their own journey, Robert imparts invaluable advice, "Follow your heart. Don't succumb to peer pressure or the biggest paycheck. If you love what you're doing it isn't work." As we navigate the currents of an evolving industry, Robert Duncan stands as a beacon of resilience, integrity, and unwavering dedication. Join us in celebrating his invaluable contributions to Arcata Associates and the indelible mark he leaves on our corporate landscape.





## ***Celebrating a Legacy: Farewell to a Remarkable Career***

# **Art Eastburg**



As we bid farewell to one of our esteemed colleagues, Art Eastburg, we take a moment to reflect on a remarkable journey spanning four decades of dedication, innovation, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Eastburg, known for his invaluable contributions to our team as a senior Software Engineer, leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire us for years to come.

Born to Leslie and Margaret Eastburg, he was raised amidst the serene landscapes of Ripon, California, where the values of hard work, resilience, and ingenuity were instilled from an early age. With a father deeply rooted in farming and a mother who embraced the role of a devoted homemaker, Eastburg inherited a rich tapestry of life experiences that would shape his journey ahead.

From the fertile fields of Ripon to the bustling halls of Ripon High School, Eastburg embarked on a path filled with diverse interests and passions. As a member of the tennis team, senior class president, and Future Farmers of America (FFA) enthusiast, he displayed a natural aptitude for leadership, sportsmanship, and community engagement.

Following graduation, Eastburg ventured to DeVry Institute of Technology in Phoenix, Arizona, where he pursued a Bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering Technology. Though initially drawn to the prospect of following in his father's footsteps as a farmer, Eastburg found himself captivated by the burgeoning field of technology, ignited by the innovations of the space race era.

Upon joining Arcata Associates in 1983, Eastburg embarked on a journey that would span four decades of achievements and unforgettable experiences. From designing and implementing the Radar Video Compression System to traversing the globe for installations, Eastburg left an indelible mark on our organization, demonstrating unwavering dedication and expertise in every endeavor. "I have many great memories of working for Advanced Systems Division. Designing, implementing and installing the Radar Video Compression System was by far the most challenging and interesting engineering project with Arcata. And traveling to places like Puerto Rico, St Thomas, Kauai, Maine, Florida, Texas, and San Nicolas Island to install the systems was an amazing experience," recalls Eastburg. "My favorite Nellis memory is my first trip to the top of Black Mountain in 1983 and watching a B-52 fly by below me hiding from the threats."



Beyond the confines of the workplace, Eastburg found joy and fulfillment in an array of hobbies and pursuits. From strumming melodies on the guitar to exploring the depths of the ocean as a certified scuba diver, Eastburg embraces life with an insatiable curiosity and zest for adventure and has plans to continue these adventures. "My top goal is to live longer than my dad who lived to 100," said Eastburg.

As Eastburg embarks on a new chapter in retirement, his legacy of resilience, creativity, and passion will continue to inspire us all. Though his absence will be keenly felt, we take comfort in knowing that the spirit of Eastburg's contributions will endure as a guiding light for future generations. Eastburg offers these spare but wise words of advice to colleagues, "Turn off your phone. Read a book."

In parting, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to Art Eastburg for his unwavering dedication, invaluable contributions, and enduring friendship. May the years ahead be filled with joy, fulfillment, and countless new adventures. Farewell, Art, and best wishes for a retirement filled with boundless possibilities!



# Celebrating Community Champions:

## Arcata's Employees Making a Difference

At Arcata, our commitment to community extends far beyond the confines of our offices and projects. It's a core value ingrained in the fabric of our company culture, embodied by individuals who go above and beyond to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. Recently, three exceptional employees at J Tech Annex 2 were honored with Community Achievement Awards for their outstanding contributions to the greater Las Vegas valley. Let's shine a spotlight on these inspiring individuals:

### Ashton Hall

#### Mission Operations Controller J-Tech Annex 2: A Beacon of Hope

Ashton Hall's dedication to community outreach and support knows no bounds. He's raised over \$153,000 for non-profits through multiple events. From uplifting the spirits of children through aviation with the EAA Young Eagles Flying Program to providing essential resources for the homeless at church-sponsored events, Ashton's compassion and generosity have touched countless lives. His involvement with LV Reach and other local initiatives showcases his commitment to making a tangible difference. Ashton's leadership in his Christian motorcycle club supports fallen members' families. His willingness to step up and be a pillar of strength in the face of adversity embodies the spirit of selflessness that defines Arcata's values.



### Andrew Reyes

#### Supply Technician J-Tech Annex 2: Coaching with Heart

Andrew Reyes's passion for basketball transcends the court as he dedicates his time and expertise to shaping the next generation of athletes. As an assistant coach with Nevada Select Basketball, Andrew not only imparts valuable skills and knowledge but also fosters a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among his players. His commitment to providing a safe and enjoyable sporting experience has been instrumental in the success of the club, earning multiple championship titles and instilling a sense of pride and achievement in the young athletes. Andrew's leadership extends beyond the game, organizing off-court events to strengthen bonds and foster a supportive family atmosphere. His dedication to his team exemplifies the spirit of teamwork and perseverance that defines Arcata's ethos.



### Gladys Romo

#### Junior Property Administrator J-Tech Annex 2: A Lifesaver for Beagles

Gladys Romo's compassion for animals shines brightly through her involvement with the Southern Beagle Nevada Rescue Foundation (SNBRF). As a dedicated foster parent, Gladys provides a loving and nurturing home for abandoned, abused, and unwanted dogs, offering them a second chance at a happy and fulfilling life. Her tireless efforts have helped rescue and rehome numerous beagles, including seniors and special needs dogs who are often overlooked in shelters. Gladys's unwavering commitment to animal welfare is a testament to her kindness and empathy, embodying Arcata's values of compassion and stewardship.

As we celebrate the remarkable achievements of Ashton, Andrew, and Gladys, we are reminded of the profound impact that individuals can have when they come together to make a difference. Their dedication to serving others embodies the spirit of community and exemplifies the values that we hold dear at Arcata. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these exceptional employees for their unwavering commitment to making the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.



# Arcata Around the Community

## June 2024 | Ronald McDonald House

Thanks to Andrew, Lauryn, Judah, and Ezra, for seeking Arcata's support for the Walk for Kids to raise funds for the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House.

Ronald McDonald House provided the Kelly Family essential accommodations, support, and services when Judah was in the NICU for an extended length of time. So pleased to report that Judah is a happy and healthy 4-year-old!

Andrew is a member of Arcata's RF&ESS Team at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center.



## May 2024 | Burroughs HS Robotics

Arcata supports the Burroughs High School Robotics Team in Ridgecrest, California. Arcata Burroughs High School graduates, Sean Bradley and Emily Gunn present the check to the team. Led by Mr. Damien Jacotin, the Team has competed in state and world championships.

## May 2024 | Las Vegas Science & Technology Fest

Arcata is proud to be one of the sponsors of the annual Las Vegas Science and Technology Festival, benefiting thousands of youth in Nevada. Brad Flick, the Center Director at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center, kicked off the 2024 Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival. UNLV School of Engineering Dean Rama Venkat invited Brad to be a guest speaker at the brand-new UNLV Advanced Engineering Building.

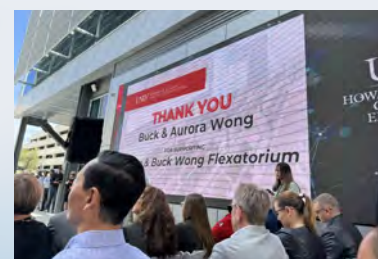


## April 2024 | St. Baldrick's Shave the Head Day

Arcata's Chris Bruggeman increased awareness, raised funds, and showed support for children with cancer by participating in the annual St. Baldrick's Shave the Head Day. Chris raised over \$1,200 for this worthy cause.

## Feb 2024 | Buck & Aurora Wong Flexatorium

Exciting to see the unveiling of UNLV's Advanced Engineering Building, ten years in the making! A proud moment for Arcata Associates to support one of the distinct features of the facility, the Buck & Aurora Wong Flexatorium, named after Arcata's founder Buck Wong, and the first of its kind on campus.





## Arcata Years of Service | 2023

**30 YEARS**

**Scott Gilson**

**25 YEARS**

**Joseph Castro  
Neal Ungs**

**20 YEARS**

**Richard Cieri  
Scott Underwood**

**15 YEARS**

**Stacey Dale  
Jerald White**

**Josh Boebert  
Robert Racicot**

**10 YEARS**

**Darrel Aagard  
Galen Davenport  
Meghan Directo  
Jerry Ferguson**

**Michael Johnson  
Joseph Krypel  
Robert Lawrence**

**5 YEARS**

**Troy Cadwell  
David Chrzanowski  
Tyler D'Arienzo  
Antwine Easley  
Rachal Eastwood  
Daniel Guerrero  
William Gourley  
Mark Harris  
Jacob Holloway  
Charles Horn**

**David Hu  
Antwand Manuel  
Tom Price  
Jared Richardson  
John Robasse  
Chase Rodriguez  
John Stillwell  
Les Vaughn  
Seth Weiner  
Arthur Wright**