



Mechanical Engineering  
Academy of Distinguished Alumni

## **Glenn E. Staats, Ph.D.**

*Mechanical Engineering, Hall of Fame 2009*

BA, Mathematics, The University of Texas at Austin, 1966

MSME, The University of Texas at Austin, 1968

Ph.D., Operations Research/Computer Science,

The University of Texas at Austin, 1970

*Founder, Chairman and CEO*

Cooperative Computing, Inc., 1965

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Internet Auto Parts, Inc., 2000

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Service Dealer Technologies, Inc., 2005

During his career, Dr. Glenn Staats was the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of several companies, focused on his expertise in computer science, operations research, and the automotive parts distribution industry. This work expanded over time to include the Internet, artificial intelligence, and the acquisition, storage, and analysis of extremely large quantities of data.

Dr. Staats served as a faculty member at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1970 until 1976. He was a tenured member of the graduate faculty and served as the director of graduate studies in his department from 1973 until he left Missouri to start Cooperative Computing, Inc. The company grew to approximately 1,800 employees and was sold in 2007. His next venture, Internet Auto Parts, was sold in 2011. It brokered sales of approximately \$800 million the year it was sold.

Dr. Staats has served on nine corporate boards of directors and has produced over 100 professional

publications and presentations. In 1997 he was named Entrepreneur of the Year in Central Texas.

Presently, Dr. Staats is involved in the development, operation, and funding for startup companies. These companies are involved in applying artificial intelligence, computer science, data visualization, and the Internet to enhance businesses in various industries. At present there are four startups in various stages of development. In addition, Dr. Staats and his wife own and operate one of the largest cow-calf ranches in the Texas Hill Country.

His dedication to The University of Texas continues through his service on the Chancellor's Executive Advisory Committee and ongoing support of Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, the Silver Spurs, and Longhorn Athletics (he has been a Football Suite holder since 1998).