



The Spring 2024 Alumni Spotlight is on...

## Mr. Nathan Pittman



Born and raised in Oakland, CA, Nathan Pittman began his higher education journey as an engineering student at Laney College and then transferred to San Jose State University (SJSU). He started his first semester as an electrical engineering student, but a long conversation with Dr. Dessouky about his major — and the Minnesota Vikings — convinced Nathan to switch to industrial engineering. While at SJSU, he was a member of the Institute of International Engineers (IIE), led the Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers as President, and spent countless nights studying for exams in the IIE club room. Nathan was selected as a Global Technology Scholar in his last year and traveled with 25 of his fellow students to Asia, where he studied globalization and technology for two weeks. He also completed three engineering internships with Applied Materials, Harley Davidson, and Intel.

After graduating with a B.S in Industrial and Systems Engineering, Nathan was hired as a Manufacturing Engineer through the Owens Corning Engineering Development Program in Albany, NY. His stint with Owens Corning helped him master the insulation manufacturing process and obtain his Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification. Nathan's next career move led him to the United States Postal Service, where he worked as an Operations Industrial Engineer. While there, he completed many process improvement and facility layout projects to improve mail flow within the processing and distribution plant and later earned his Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. Nathan then worked for the Target Corporation, where he started as a Regional Industrial Engineer and eventually transitioned into a Project Engineer role. At Target, he traveled across the country supporting the Distribution Systems team and worked on many capacity improvement projects, distribution center layout designs, and Labor Management System projects.



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Currently, Nathan is the Director of Engineering and Facilities for Tory Burch LLC — a high-end women’s fashion design company — where he manages a team of industrial engineers and maintenance technicians. At Tory Burch, he led the relocation and consolidation of two distribution centers from New York to Atlanta, GA. He also returned to school to earn an MBA at Syracuse University, with a focus on Supply Chain Management, Entrepreneurship, and Business Analytics.

Throughout his career, Nathan has mentored many interns, including a group of industrial engineering students from Georgia Tech who completed their Senior Capstone Project at his facility. In his spare time, he helps coach his son in youth baseball, reads self-improvement and inspirational books, works out at the gym, and travels to exotic destinations with his family.

**Dr. Erdogan and officers of the IISE Student Club.  
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