



I guess I just grew up with purple and gold sawdust in my veins.  
Given my family history, this is no wonder. My grandfather, born in

to start our family and write another chapter in the history of RoyOMartin. I was elected treasurer in 1988 and in 1993 president of MHC Properties, the real estate and administrative arm of RoyOMartin.

In 2003, I was elected president and CFO of RoyOMartin. My engineering degree has been essential in all areas of my forest products business experience from plant design, layout, and plant location. Quality control, sales, supply chain management and, interestingly enough, management, finance and accounting are other areas I have used linear programming, optimization and other engineering principals. The problem solving techniques, science and mathematics taught in the LSU College of Engineering, coupled with a MBA from the E.J. Ourso College of Business, have prepared me for an exciting career. Any good student who is undecided on college majors should consider an engineering degree.

Today, RoyOMartin has 1300 employees, is the largest private landowner in Louisiana with 580,000 acres, all certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), operates five manufacturing facilities, and owns the largest logging company in the South. Perforex Forest Services, started in 2003 is a founder and the largest shareholder in Indigo Minerals LLC, a Houston oil and gas company headed by Bill Pritchard, the husband of Kathy's best friend at LSU.

This LSU thing really works.

I want to thank the College of Engineering for this prestigious honor, and I am humbled to have my name beside the likes of Patrick Taylor, Roland Toups and the many other giants of the engineering profession. Praise our Lord.