

Rick Fornelli

A Chip off the Old Block



Rick Fornelli, a Kansas State University graduate in civil engineering, has made significant contributions to both his profession and the environment. Rick and his wife, Linda Fornelli, reside in Carlsbad, California.

To honor his father's determination for college education, Rick established the Anthony D. and Richard A. Fornelli Engineering Faculty Fund at K-State. This fund aims to recruit and retain high-quality faculty for the College of Engineering. It also pays tribute to Rick's father, Tony Fornelli, who graduated from K-State in 1933 and embarked on a successful 40-plus-year engineering career. Tony's influence led Rick to pursue a career in civil engineering as well.

Rick's commitment extends beyond financial support. He currently serves on the College of Engineering Advisory Council, where he advocates for environmental engineering and practical problem-solving approaches. Rick envisions K-State as a leader in environmental engineering, producing down-to-earth engineers who tackle real-world environmental challenges.

Rick's journey shows how education, determination, and a passion for environmental stewardship can shape lives and inspire future generations. His journey exemplifies not only Rick's love of K-State but also his commitment to living the legacy of CH2M HILL.