

CRAIG BROWN, MBA

Craig is the Founder/Owner, Chairman and CEO of Bray International, the industry leader in rotary valves and actuators, with more than 40 years of experience in over 50 countries.

Craig graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1975 and an MBA in Accounting in 1977. While at A&M, he was a member of I-2, 6th Battalion staff, a Ross Volunteer, received the Army ROTC Superior Cadet Award, and was chosen as Outstanding Senior from the College of Engineering. Craig also served as Vice President of the Student Engineering Council and earned a varsity letter in track.

In 1992, Craig founded the Craig and Galen Brown Foundation where he serves as Chairman and his wife, Sue Smith, serves as Executive Vice President. The Brown Foundation has provided over 800 undergraduate scholarships to high- achieving, well-rounded National Merit Scholars who attend Texas A&M and pursue majors in engineering, science and business.

In 1985, Craig received the Outstanding Young Houstonian Award from Mayor Kathy Whitmire and the City of Houston.

Since 2019, the Brown Foundation has awarded more than 70 A&M School of Engineering Medicine (EnMed) scholarships to Brown Scholars majoring in engineering disciplines at Texas A&M who have or will matriculate to EnMed.

In 2017, Craig was inducted into the Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students. In recognition of their leadership and philanthropy, Craig and Sue received the Sterling C. Evans Medal in 2019, the highest honor awarded by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. Craig was named 2006 Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Engineering and 2012 Outstanding Alumnus of Mays Business School. He is the only Aggie to have received three awards from Texas A&M University and awards from two different colleges at A&M.

In 2025, Bo's Place honored Craig and Sue with the Robin Bush Award, named in memory of Robin Bush, daughter of President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, recognizing individuals who have made a profound difference in the lives of others.

That same year, Houston Methodist honored Sue and Craig for their transformative contributions to advancing educational innovation.

Craig is an active member of the A&M College of Engineering Advisory Council, the A&M College of Engineering Brown Honors Advisory Council, and the A&M Corps of Cadets Board of Visitors.