



Kris Klingmann

HEAD MACHINIST AND FABRICATOR IN CHARGE

a.k.a. Owner and President, Kraft Werks Group

ABOUT ME

Passionate about solutions and our team. Driver of growth and innovation. Relationship builder. Family man. Sports man.

BIO

Kris serves as the Owner and President of Kraft Werks Group, but he likes to informally consider himself the Head Machinist and Fabricator in Charge. Prior to structuring the buy-out of what became Kraft Werks Group in 2018, Kris served in business development and operations management roles with major industry brands like Leitner Fabrication, TLT-Babcock and Howden North America. He's managed business units responsible for project execution for a \$20M+ value stream, applications engineering, operational performance and more. Kris is an experienced, solutions-oriented leader who has expertise in global business strategy, project execution and technical excellence.

After Kris and his longtime colleagues endured round after round of subsequent mergers and acquisitions, he finally founded Kraft Werks Group when he discovered plans to close one of their production facilities in Medina, Ohio. Rather than see all his friends and professional teammates lose their livelihoods, he was determined to find a way to purchase the longstanding Medina facility along with two fledgling product lines, putting his life savings on the line to start the new business and simultaneously save the jobs of forty of his co-workers. While Kris had always felt very entrepreneurial, this move was a transformative decision that greatly impacted him, his family and his team forever. Together, the Kraft Werks team has successfully created an American-based manufacturing company that proudly serves the world – with a sincere focus on technical innovation and building people.

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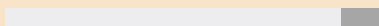
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TOP SKILLS

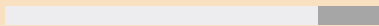
Leadership



Technology



Engineering



EDUCATION

2012-2014

Case Western Reserve University

Executive MBA, Management and Operations

2002-2006

Cleveland State University

Bachelors, Chemical Engineering

A Northeast Ohio (NEO) native, Kris originally grew up in Munson Township. After graduating from Euclid High School, Kris worked in a machine shop while taking classes in the evenings. He graduated Cum Laude, earning a Bachelors of Science in Chemical & Biomedical Engineering from the Fenn College of Engineering at Cleveland State University. As an undergraduate, he became a member of the Order of the Engineer and Tau Beta Pi (The National Engineering Honors Society). As a working adult, Kris went on to earn an Executive MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. He was then encouraged to join the non-profit group Promise Partners, an Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition (ETA) incubator that helps entrepreneurial people achieve their dream of business ownership. His experience with Promise Partners in particular prepared him well to become the founder of Kraft Werks.

Kris loves spending time with his four children and wife Misty in Novelty, Ohio – which has been their home for the past two decades now. He enjoys helping other aspiring entrepreneurs find their path to business ownership, golfing, fishing, hiking, building things and tinkering with just about anything mechanical.



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Innovation Driven.
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