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Spotlight of the month - Prathap Kothuri

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on Prathap Kothuri, who has been part of the Valco Team since March 2024. Prathap is part of our engineering continuous improvement group.

Prathap was born on June 26, 1997 in Hyderabad, Telangana, India. He completed his high school education at a small private school named Shanthi Nikethan Model High School. He then pursued his undergraduate degree for 4 years in Mechanical Engineering at MGIT College under JNTUH University, graduating in 2019. He then decided to pursue a master's degree in mechanical engineering with a focus on design and wanted to further his education in the United States. After receiving offers from several other schools, he chose Wright State University as he thought it was the best match for his background, it was affordable and the location seemed good.

Prathap says his time at Wright State was both rewarding and challenging. Coming from a small private school in India where the medium of instruction was English, but the teachers weren't fluent, he initially struggled with the language. But with time and effort, his English improved greatly. The master's program in Mechanical Engineering was rigorous and the curriculum was challenging yet rewarding. Living in a new country, adjusting to a different culture, and navigating the ups and downs of university life has all contributed to his growth.

Prathap comes from a supportive and hardworking family. His parents have always been a source of strength. His father, Sathaiah Kothuri, is a farmer and also works as a preacher in a local church, while his mother, Manemma Kothuri, is a seamstress. They have always encouraged him to pursue his dreams and provided the support he needed to succeed. He has one younger brother. Pavan Kothuri, who is pursuing his MS in Organic Chemistry In JNTUH University, Hyderabad.

After being away from his home over 3 years, Prathap surprised his family with a visit in December 2024. He said their reaction was priceless, and seeing their joy made the long wait worth it. He said everything seemed familiar yet different from the busy streets to the food. He enjoyed reconnecting with family and friends, sharing stories of his time abroad, and reliving old memories. At one point, he even considered staying in India with his family, but he encouraged himself to return to the USA to continue pursuing his goals.

Before joining Valco Industries, Prathap had several internships while at Wright State. He joined JMS Composites starting as an intern and later continued as a full-time Mechanical Engineer, where he contributed to designing, prototype manufacturing, CNC operating, and improving processes. In the next 2-4 years, he plans to learn other widely used CAD software commonly used in larger companies. He also hopes to take on more challenging design projects, where he can grow his experience and apply his skills in new ways. Prathap says every day brings new learning opportunities and believes this environment will help him grow professionally. He says he is truly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Valco Industries and contribute to its ongoing development.

When he is not working, he likes to go to the gym and workout. He also enjoys reading books, listening to all kinds of music, or simply going out with friends to relax and have some fun. He believes in maintaining a good balance between staying active and enjoying his hobbies. It is great to have Prathap as a key member of Our Team and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.



GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT VALCO!

We have just purchased a HURCO VMX50i CNC Vertical Machining Center to increase our capacity as well as our capabilities in our machining department. We are expecting to be in full operation the first week of April.

We are well under way in doing major renovations and upgrades in all the bathrooms. All the work should be completed within the next couple of weeks.





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Wishing each of you a great day on your special day as well as a year of good health, lots of laughs, lots of parts to fabricate and ship and much continued success. Here's hoping for many more birthday celebrations in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year.

Years of Service

Derwin Reams ... April 17 .. 2 Years
Jordan Guinn. April 18 .. 2 Years
Dave Denney... April 25.. 19 Years!!!

We thank each of you for being part of the Valco Team. We appreciate all you have done throughout the years and that you continue to do for Valco and our many customers on a daily basis. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead. Let's Keep On Keeping On in 2025!

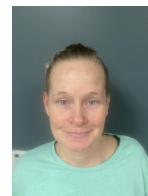


Our second annual GUESS THE SHARE PRICE contest is underway where everyone has a chance to guess the correct new share price or be the closest one to the new price. The winning entry will receive a cash prize

of 10 times the new share price, second place will receive 5% and third place will receive 3%. The last day to submit your entry is Friday, April 4th at noon. We hope to announce the new share price in early May followed by our annual shareholder meetings in June, where we will be passing out everyone's account certificates with the new account balances.

Welcome TO THE TEAM!

Carolyn Adkins started March 10th and works in our production office.



It is great to have Carolyn and Jeff with us and look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.

Jeff Cox started March 10th and works in our maintenance dept.



Great Quotes

"Give everyday the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life." Mark Twain

"Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions." Dalai Lama XIV

"There are three C's in life: Choice, Chance, Change. You must make the choice to take the chance. If you want anything in life to change." Unknown

"What the mind can conceive it can Achieve." Napoleon Hill

"Life is the greatest journey you will ever be on."

In the hopes that spring is almost here

We will be celebrating Memorial Day (paid holiday) on Monday, May 26.

The Summer Arts Festival will be starting June 12 with Griffin House as the opening show and closing on July 12 with long time favorite Phil Dirt and the Doziers.

The annual Rotary Food Truck will take place on Saturday, August 16 in Veterans Park.



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