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Doug Classe Announces Retirement After Distinguished Career at DiSTI

The Director of Engineering, most notable for his role in shaping the innovative VE Studio, has announced he is retiring from his role at The DiSTI Corporation.

Orlando, FL (April 13, 2026) – The DiSTI Corporation today announced the retirement of Doug Classe, Director of Engineering, whose leadership and innovation have left a lasting impact on the company's engineering and product development.

During his time at DiSTI, Doug was instrumental in defining the company's engineering vision and advancing its expertise in graphical user interface development and simulation technology. As lead of the VE Studio development team, he guided the transformation of DiSTI's flagship product into a leading platform adopted by organizations worldwide in aerospace, defense, automotive, and medical sectors.

Doug's leadership helped drive significant advancements in VE Studio, strengthening DiSTI's reputation as a global leader in embedded HMI development and simulation. His technical expertise, dedication to quality, and ability to inspire engineering teams have been instrumental in delivering cutting-edge solutions to DiSTI customers.

Reflecting on Doug's impact, John Hayward, CEO of DiSTI, stated, "Doug's leadership and technical expertise have played a critical role in shaping DiSTI's engineering organization and the development of VE Studio. His dedication to innovation and commitment to excellence have left a lasting mark on our company. We are grateful for his many contributions and wish him all the best in his retirement."

"It has been a privilege to participate in DiSTI's journey and to work with such an exceptional team," said Doug Classe. "Leading the VE Studio development effort and contributing to the technologies our customers rely on has been deeply rewarding. I'm proud of everything we've built together and excited to see what the future holds for DiSTI."

With Doug's retirement, DiSTI is pleased to announce the promotion of Tim Rothenberger, currently an Engineering Manager II, into the role of Director of Engineering. Tim has been a key contributor to DiSTI's engineering initiatives and brings deep technical knowledge and leadership experience to the position.

"I'm honored to step into this role and continue building on the strong foundation Doug has created," said Tim Rothenberger. "Doug's leadership and vision have had a tremendous impact on both the engineering team and the success of VE Studio. I look forward to carrying forward his legacy while continuing to drive innovation and support the incredible work of our engineering team."

The DiSTI team extends its deepest appreciation to Doug Classe for his years of dedication and wishes him the very best in retirement.

To learn more about VE Studio and the solutions provided by DiSTI, please reach out to sales@disti.com

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