# GLASSREFLECTIONS

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### **Get to know TSI**

#### TSI, LLC, was established in 2021

by a team of glazing industry professionals, Fred Tull and Robert Smith, to address ongoing supply chain challenges faced by the architectural aluminum and glazing industry nationwide. TSI is a reliable, alternative source providing the industry with aluminum entrances, door hardware, and related products and services. Our team delivers quality craftsmanship, competitive pricing, and quick turnaround times.



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Employee Birthdays and Milestones On the Horizon

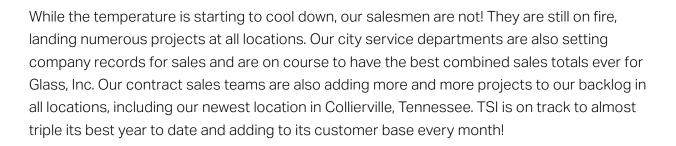
6 Featured: Chase Lacoste with TSI

In the News



### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finally, the temperatures are cooling down, and we are getting close to my favorite time of year! Fall is the time I love to get outside in the woods, plant some green fields, work on duck blinds, get hunting gear together and WATCH COLLEGE FOOTBALL! I hope your favorite teams are doing well so far. My Bulldogs are not!



We have also entered a joint venture with Tull Brothers to tackle the 19th and Church project in downtown Nashville with Yates construction that will start in October. Way to go, sales team! Thanks to our Safety Committee for helping our company achieve the Platinum Level ABC Safety STEP Award! It's a huge, national award for our company and couldn't have been won without the help of each of you!

Thank you all!

Robert Smith

## UNDER **CONSTRUCTION**

1 Gulfport CTA Cross Walk











#### 2 Gulfport Job Corps

#### 3 Ocean Aero







### EMPLOYEE **BIRTHDAYS**

# AUGUST MERIDIAN

#### 20 Peyton Miller 20 Jack Rush

#### SEPTEMBER

- **06** Beverly Smith
- **12** Tammy Mollett
- **18** Mason Tabb
- **23** Ashley Jacobs
- 27 Gerald Coleman
- 30 Jack Combest

#### **SEPTEMBER 07** Rob Smith

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AUGUST 26 Mike Crane

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**SEPTEMBER 26** Justin McMullan

## **EMPLOYEES** OF THE **QUARTER**





#### **MERIDIAN Noah Heathcock**

Congrats, Noah Heathcock! Your coworkers chose you because you are a nice guy who will do anything anyone asks both quickly and accurately.

Congrats, Michael Guillotte! Your coworkers have chosen you to be Employee of the Quarter because you are a great leader and go above and beyond what is needed or asked of you. Michael also was just recently asked to be on the Safety Committee, to which he will be a great asset.

Congrats, Daniel Fogle! You were chosen by your coworkers because you are coming up on 20 years with Glass Inc. and have progressed from a helper to a lead superintendent. They appreciate your hard work and all you have done for the company and coworkers.

### EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

| <b>18 YEARS</b> | <b>9 YEARS</b>  | 6 YEARS        | <b>4 YEARS</b> | <b>2 YEARS</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Rico McCollum   | Pat Jenkins     | Mandon Toncrey | Dylan Hudler   | Lana Chandler  |
| <b>11 YEARS</b> | <b>7 YEARS</b>  | <b>5 YEARS</b> | <b>3 YEARS</b> | <b>1 YEAR</b>  |
| Paul McKeown    | Justin McMullan | Brian Baltzell | Brent Smith    | Ashley Jacobs  |

## ON THE HORIZON



**The Duff in Starkville** 



**The OS Hotel** 



**19th and Church** 

Glass Inc. is extremely proud to be starting our first-ever job in Nashville, 19th and Church, as a joint venture with our friends at Tull Brothers!





**GULFPORT Michael Guillotte** 

FOLEY **Daniel Fogle** 



### CHASE LACOSTE WITH TSI

Chase was born and raised in Livingston, Alabama. He attended Sumter Academy and then went to University of West Alabama, where he played baseball and then graduated with an industrial technology degree. For the next 20 years, he worked for his family construction company RAC Construction as a project supervisor. He did a lot of projects at UWA during that time as well as worked with Glass Inc. on several projects.

When Chase's dad retired, he decided to close up the shop. Chase was exploring his options, and he went to see Robert. Chase was hired in 2022 at TSI as the architectural sales representative. Chase goes around to glass companies in Mississippi and Alabama to sell a service. "TSI is able to provide glass companies with doors within a week rather than making them wait 10-plus weeks or so." Chase enjoys quoting jobs and meeting new people. He feels he has a common ground with most of his customers, having grown up in the construction business.

In Chase's free time, he enjoys playing golf, hunting, and running marathons. He has been married to Heather for almost 15 years and together they have Stella, who is nine. His favorite thing to do is run 5Ks with Stella.



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– Chase Lacoste

### MIKE POTATE WITH TSI

Mike was born and raised outside of Atlanta, Georgia, in a town called Temple, until he was five years old and then moved to Meridian because his dad got a job with the Southern Railway. He graduated from Clarkdale High School and then went to Mississippi State University, where he double majored in electrical and computer engineering.

After graduation, Mike went to work at Peavey Electronics. He started out as a manufacturing engineer then became a cost engineer, and he was promoted to manager. Mike worked there for about 29 years. Mike was friends with Mitchell Moffett, so when Mike was looking for a new job, he had his resume on Robert's desk within three days and was hired on the spot. Mike did not have any experience with construction, but he was good with people, and knew how to work a CNC machine. Mike is the operations manager and programmer at TSI. Mike enjoys programming the machine, because he says, "Everything that we do is custom and different, so it is like doing something new every single day."

Mike says the most challenging experience so far was doing a big Amazon order, which included 62 doors and frames for EFCO. Everything received, material wise, was all scrambled and mixed up. They didn't have a clue what to do. It was incredibly frustrating, but they got the right people involved and about six weeks later, they finally got the job done!

He added, "We met our sales goal from last year about mid-June of this year, so we are going to have a great year! We have learned a lot and we are getting better, which is leading to the need for more employees and better profit margins. Our backlog is continuing to grow. Building doors is totally different from the glazing world. Our mantra is we can give you something right away vs. the other suppliers, so we are really just providing a quality service."

Mike has been married for 32 years to Teresa, and together they have three daughters and four grandkids. In his spare time Mike enjoys playing golf.



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– Mike Potate

# IN THE NEWS



Our Meridian crew representing us well at the ABC trade show in August!



We're proud to announce our world-class health and safety practices were named STEP Platinum by ABC National for our commitment to total human health and safety on our jobsites! Glass Inc. is committed to actively building health and safety into our culture, and creating industry-leading, holistic programs to protect our people and deliver for our clients. We are honored to receive the designation of ABC National STEP Platinum! It is our responsibility to ensure our workers get home in the same—or better—condition than when they arrived on the jobsite. Our company is dedicated to a top-down, bottom-up approach to health and safety, which is reflected in our ABC National STEP Platinum status.



We enjoyed helping the ABC Young Professionals renovate the old cafeteria building at Hope Village during September to transform it into their new recreation center! Teamwork makes the dream work!

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