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Annabelle Pratt decided early in her education to pursue a career in industrial research. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and traveled to Oregon State to pursue her doctoral studies.

"Beyond the stellar instruction and guidance from world-class researchers on faculty at OSU, I had wonderful opportunities to work on industry-sponsored research," says Pratt. "This focused my energy and talent on projects that would not only advance a particular technology, but also the business interests of the company for which I work."

After a stint at Advanced Energy Industries, where she was part of the development team of an active rectifier that has become the basis for an award-winning photovoltaic inverter product, Pratt joined Intel Corporation. She is currently researching energy management of buildings to shape power demand and benefit consumers by minimizing energy costs and enabling reliable smart grids with significant renewable generation.

"I am fortunate to have spent a significant part of my professional career working on technologies aimed at increasing the sustainability of our power delivery infrastructure," says Pratt.

Lawrence A. Sitz

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Larry Sitz claims Oregon State DNA in his mitochondrial chain. "Growing up in Burns, OSU was in our blood," says Sitz. "My dad is a graduate. I attended 4-H summer school, Boys' State, and annual football games on the campus."

So it wasn't surprising when Sitz enrolled as an engineering student. He completed a new program created specifically to meet construction industry needs.

Over the years, Sitz has climbed the ladder at Emerick — literally and figuratively — and now runs the company that is considered to be one of the Northwest's top general contractors. Along the way, he has continued to bring Oregon State interns and new employees to Emerick from the university.

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