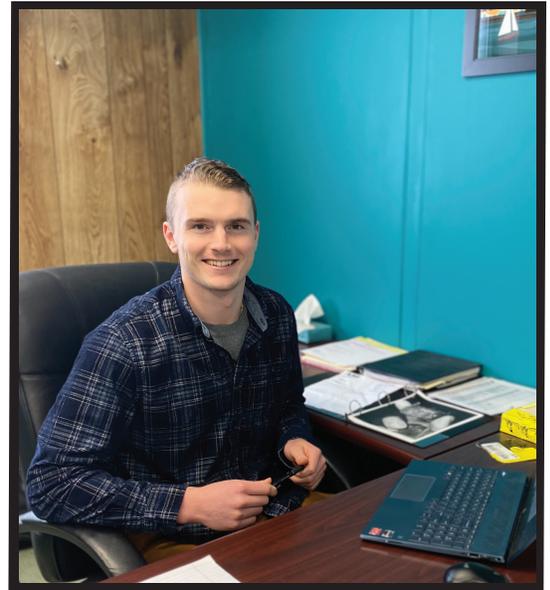


## Richards Named Director of Engineering

Calumet, MI – OcuGlass, the only acid-etched glass manufacturer in the U.S., has named Hunter Richards its new Director of Engineering.

Richards, a native of Houghton, has been at OcuGlass since April 2019 when he began as the company's Mechanical Engineering Intern. In that capacity, he worked under former Director of Engineering Jeff Stevens. OcuGlass CEO Brad Aldrich says, "Hunter has been a great student of the position in working with Jeff, who was the perfect mentor for all of the interns that have been with us." Stevens recently left the company after four years to explore an exciting opportunity.

After seeing Richards' work in his internship, the choice was an easy one for the company when the Director position opened. He will join the company's leadership team alongside Chairman Steve Williams, Aldrich, and Plant Manager Brant Ryyanen, who was also promoted from Production Manager this month.



Aldrich adds, "Hunter's work ethic, high level of character, and his ability to think mechanically and creatively are key assets to this position. The transition is happening quickly, but his knowledge of the company and our team atmosphere will make the transition seamless. We are a tight-knit group, and he fits in with all aspects of our operation."

In his new role, Richards will oversee engineering and maintenance of the facility and all production lines and processes. He will work directly with Ryyanen to improve and build upon the efficiencies and growth that OcuGlass has seen in the last few years. In Ryyanen's expanded role, he will continue to manage all aspects of production and will add management of the facility and expansion operations. Brant is also a Houghton native and has been at OcuGlass for five years.

OcuGlass has been in full production of its acid-etched product, OcuMatte, since early 2015. The recent expansion to three production lines has allowed them to grow with new products. These include OcuWrite, a writeable surface acid-etched glass, and OcuView, a specialized acid-etched glass used in picture framing.

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