



# Principal biography

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## James G. Correll

Jim Correll, a principal of Oliver Wight since 1984, served eight years as chairman of Oliver Wight Americas and co-chairman of Oliver Wight International. As a consultant, he has assisted more than 20 companies attain Class A performance. These companies include numerous Caterpillar Divisions, Imperial Tobacco, General Dynamics Land Systems, Martin Marietta Astronautics, Boeing Portland, and Tektronix, Inc., to name a few.

"During our pursuit of the Oliver Wight Class A Certification, I had the opportunity to spend many hours with Jim Correll. I found him to be extraordinarily prepared on all occasions and articulate during the many coaching sessions needed for us to achieve Class A. Jim was a strong leader who was willing to adopt the personality of our organization. He was steadfast in his pursuit of manufacturing excellence while empowering us to achieve milestones and goals. Our overall experience with Oliver Wight exceeded our expectations."

James E. Despain,  
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Jim gained his Class A experience as an employee of Hyster Company; Wagner Mining Equipment, a division of PACCAR; and Tektronix. At Tektronix he served as the Class A implementation manager. In that capacity, he developed a new organizational structure, implemented new software, and designed and delivered an effective educational training program for both the new software and the behavior changes required to obtain bottom-line results. Jim was the driving force behind the achievement of Class A in the Metal Products Division in less than one year.

A certified Fellow of APICS, he has served on the board of the Portland chapter and has spoken at APICS chapter meetings and international conferences as well as at numerous other professional organizations. Jim is co-author of the newest Oliver Wight publication, *Achieving Class A Business Excellence - An Executive's Perspective*. He also co-authored *Gaining Control: Managing Capacity and Priorities*, Third Edition, and has written many articles that have appeared in professional periodicals. Jim earned a BS in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University.