

I'm excited to announce I am stepping into the role of CEO at Glassboard. It is an honor to represent Glassboard and I am so proud of the amazing people that make up this team. Over the years we've been able to build great products with great partners and I cannot wait to share what is currently under development and those stories that have yet to be told.

I would like to say a huge Thank You to Randy Parmerlee for his fearless leadership and adventures over the years with Glassboard. We're going to miss you here, but all of us at Glassboard wish you the best in all your upcoming pursuits both professionally and personally!

Glassboard was born from a passion for solving the hard problems that allow great products to come to life. Throughout the last seven years, Glassboard has accomplished a lot, but we are just getting started. Our hardware industry is at an inflection point, with more tools, technologies, and knowledge readily available, the rate of innovation and product development has never been faster. This is coupled with an incredibly challenging supply chain, ever-changing market forces, and a seemingly never-ending set of world events shaping our global community. We exist to enable our partners to thrive in this fast-paced world.

As this new chapter of Glassboard unfolds I wanted to share who I am, why I choose to thrive in the world of new product development, who I believe Glassboard is, and where we are going.

Who I am

I have always been driven to understand how the world around us works, from cars and computers to the universe we live in and the biology that powers life as we know it. The most profound thing I have learned is that the most complex systems can all be boiled down to unbelievably simple building blocks that all stack together to create the amazing systems we experience every day. I enjoy taking this view of the world into my work and approach to solving problems in product development. Breaking down challenges into individual small problems or systems that can be understood, controlled, and combined to meet seemingly intractable goals.

Why I'm here

I am here because I believe bridging the gap between people with great ideas and the ability to execute those ideas is one of the most world-changing things technology has brought us. For those of you who know me, you're well aware that drawing/sketching is not one of my skills. Due to that, I would have never been able to be an engineer in a time in the world before CAD tools. Without the teams of people that have built these digital tools, I would never have been able to follow my passion for design. At Glassboard, we are able to bridge this same gap for others, helping them bring their passions into the world. I can only hope that through our work and the products we put into the world, we are able to make an impact. Whether that be as simple as bringing a surprised smile to the recipient of a toy that we've designed, or a major impact on the future of energy generation.



Why we're here

Glassboard is here because we believe that everyone deserves to have access to the tools that bring their great ideas to life. We are here to enable people and companies from all disciplines, stages, and industries to access Glassboard's experience, tools, and creativity to develop their next product. We are able to do what we do because we can stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us. We are forever grateful to those who built the design software, prototyping tools, integrated circuits, manufacturing processes, and even discovered the laws of physics that allow us to shape the products we work on. It is our mission to allow our partners to stand on our shoulders to meet their goals. From new founders with dreams and aspirations of what their product could be, to existing companies looking for help integrating the latest technology into their product lines, our team is here to lend a helping hand. By allowing everyone the ability to develop a product around their identified problem, concept, or experience, we are democratizing product development. We are here to continue to lower the barriers to entry for any who aspire to bring their ideas into the world. And we cannot wait to see in what ways our products will impact individuals and the world as a whole.

Where we're going

Glassboard is growing. We are growing with new and diverse faces in the office. Each with new ideas, skill sets, and backgrounds. We're growing our footprint in Indianapolis with our new HQ at 16th & Riverside as well as our space at and partnership with the 16 Tech community. Every day we're adding new equipment, software, and technologies to our toolbox. We are growing into new industries, each with its own set of unique challenges and unexplored areas for innovation.

Glassboard will continue to delve into the next blue ocean, solve the next hard problem, and build the next generation of impactful products with our partners.

It is an honor to step into this new role, and I couldn't ask for a better team around me to tackle the next chapter in our story.

Together we go further.

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