

As a Public Affairs and Community Investment consultant at Gulfstream, Al Wright develops and oversees education and outreach programs with area school systems and organizations. The role allows Al to educate and empower young people in Savannah and in the communities around other Gulfstream sites.

He helps expose students to professional environments while managing the Youth Apprentice Program. In 12 years, it has placed more than 500 young people in Gulfstream positions that shape their future and inspire them to work hard toward a successful career. He is also the Gulfstream interface for the REACH Georgia program, and he co-manages the community advisors for the Gulfstream Student Leadership Program, which helps students develop leadership skills and discover opportunities available to them after high school.

Al joined Gulfstream 50 years ago and is the company's longest-serving current employee. Prior to joining the Community Investment team, he worked in a variety of roles from aircraft manufacturing and materials management to export/import compliance and sustainability.

A native of Savannah, Al is a member of the Georgia Historical Society and the Gulfstream Management Association, a chapter of the National Management Association. He serves on several community boards, including the CTAE/CEAC advisory boards for Chatham, Bryan and Effingham Counties; the Coastal Center for Developmental Services; and the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club board. He is also a member of the planning committee for the Mayor's Summer 500 program. While on the board for the Coastal Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Al produced and co-authored a book for the organization: *100 Years of Scouting in the Coastal Empire*.

Al served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, including a tour of Vietnam. He and his wife, Vera, have three children and three grandchildren.