

Rocco Spizzirri

How has Triton made a difference in your career?

The professors Frank Heitzman and John Silva turned my life around when they introduced me to Architecture. The way they introduced, taught, and kept me interested in the Art of Architecture followed me through the rest of my education and career.

Each career and position brought me different awards, recognitions, and accomplishments. However, my best accomplishment/award and recognition besides my children, is when I drive down avenues, streets and boulevards in all different cities/states and even countries and I see buildings and structures I have built which will be standing long after I am gone is my best achievement.

An accomplished Senior Design and Real Estate Project Manager with expertise in providing strategic management, control, and coordination of the entire real estate and construction process including real estate negotiations, site section, design, construction, value engineering, budget, cost, bidding, construction, and commissioning.

I work for The Boyd Group which owns Gerber Collision and Glass. My current position is within Gerber, and my Senior Project Manager is for commercial development and property acquisitions. I've been there since 2018. In previous positions, I received the Presidential Award for Exceptional Achievement six times between 2001 and 2015 while employed at Bridgestone-Firestone as Senior Design and Construction Project Manager. I also received the Presidential Award while working for CN Railroad as real estate manager in 2018.

Our family owns Spizzico Pizza and Pasta 7446 West North Avenue Elmwood Park. My wife and I both work there as schedules allow evenings and weekends alongside our three children: Rochelle 22, Rocco Jr. 19, and Francesco 16. Through the restaurant, we are able to sponsor local baseball teams, donate to charities and fundraisers and supply school lunches at a reduced cost.

I'm a member of CIACO, the Chicago Italian American Civic Organization, a philanthropic organization that donates time and money to help the less fortunate. My current project is being a major contributor to their *Baskets Of Love* endeavor wherein over 600 food baskets/family meals are donated and packaged for Thanksgiving.

Despite our accomplishments, we are most proud to be the parents of three wonderful children, Rochelle, Rocco Jr and Francesco. We attribute everything we have to hard work, faith in God and family support.