



Scott Clark

Scott Clark is the recipient of the 2024 Sunkist Young Designer award for exceptional leadership and technical contributions in the development and advancement of agricultural engineering and harvesting equipment.

Clark serves as the engineering manager of the advanced research and development team for grain harvesting at John Deere in Silvis, Illinois. Clark's team supports future product portfolio execution and is responsible for new product development, including discovery and demonstration of cutting-edge technology and solutions. He leads new technology exploration for combines and header platforms in collaboration with internal stakeholders and external partners, such as research institutions and suppliers.

Early in his career, Clark gained valuable industry experience at CNH working territory sales and marketing, and field testing for combine new product development. Upon joining John Deere, he spent a decade in engine integration designing and testing new harvesting products. Clark's expertise spans a wide range of areas from engine and aftertreatment systems to vehicle performance and automation, to sensing, software, and controls. With a keen focus on identifying customer needs, Clark leverages his vast technical knowledge to translate complex problems into innovative solutions. Clark has driven innovation throughout his career, and currently has more than 40 patent filings granted or pending in a variety of areas.

A 17-year ASABE member, Clark has been a member and leader of several committees. He has also garnered numerous awards including the Gale Holloway Professional Development award, the Quad City Section Young Member of the Year, and the Yoerger Preprofessional Engineer of the Year award. His outstanding contributions are also recognized by accolades within John Deere. Notable recognitions underscoring his exceptional dedication and expertise include Enterprise Innovation awards, the Chairman award, and the Enterprise Product Safety & Compliance award.

Clark's involvement in his community exemplifies his genuine passion and commitment, as seen through his engagement with organizations such as the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council, Habitat for Humanity, Living Lands and Waters, River Bend Food Bank, the John Deere FFA Alumni Affiliate, the Society of Women Engineers, and local "Adopt a School" initiatives. Clark attributes his success to the unwavering support of his family, the guidance of his mentors, collaboration with his peers, and the dedication of his colleagues. Their collective knowledge and experience have been instrumental in shaping his career and driving his achievements. Clark's exceptional leadership skills and unwavering commitment to mentoring and developing others reflect the values instilled in him by those who have guided him throughout his career.