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# Ring Power's leader grew up in family business

**Ultimate CEO -- Large company**

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Homegrown, hard-working and family-kept: those are three words to describe how Randal Ringhaver and his family have operated their business ventures in St. Johns County for more than 60 years.

As chairman and president of [Ring Power Corp.](#), Ringhaver has been working for his family since he was old enough to work. The son of a shrimp boat builder, he got his start working with a hammer. But by the time he graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his father had sold the shrimp boat business and jumped to selling Caterpillar equipment.

There, Ringhaver was instilled with a hard work ethic, starting at the ground floor before working his way up to management and eventually his role as the company's leader.

"My dad instilled in everyone the idea that we had to understand the business from the ground up," he said.

Eventually, the company moved from St. Augustine to Jacksonville off Philips Highway. But after a while, the company needed more room than the Jacksonville location had to offer, so Ringhaver began eyeing St. Johns County just as the World Commerce Center was coming on line.

"We lucked out with the [Interstate 95] interchange, and we needed the exit in order to move equipment to and from the facilities," he said.

The county welcomed him with open arms, and has since reaped the benefits of Ring Power and Ringhaver's generosity.

"That was probably one of the proudest things for St. Johns County was to have Randy Ringhaver to come back home and set up shop in his own hometown," said Robin Burchfield, president of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, and

childhood neighbor of Ringhaver in St. Johns County.

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