

Kyle Leighton

Class of 2009



- This Jackson native is a self-made entrepreneur, investor and executive. He holds an Associate of Arts from Jackson College and a bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University.
- Kyle began his career at Everlast Lighting in 2011 as a public relations representative. He mastered the lighting trade's integrities, and his research – engineering reports and case studies – were published in trade magazines, international publications and college textbooks.
- Taught as an adjunct instructor for Jackson College and helped develop the associate degree in energy systems management.
- Recognized by the National Association of Electrical Distributes LEAD Conference in Chicago as he was named to tED Magazine's list of emerging electrical industry leaders in the U.S.
- In 2015, Kyle moved to New York City where he worked and consulted for businesses in New York, Boston and Moscow, Russia. While visiting a construction site, he decided to take all that he had learned and form his own engineering company, First Building Solutions.
- Moved back to Michigan in late 2016, and later secured his first customer. Kyle invested his profits into real estate, laying the groundwork for Leighton Property Management.
- Founded Tapestry Girls in 2019. With distribution in California, Pennsylvania, and Florida, Tapestry Girls currently sells its products directly to consumers as well as to wholesale customers such as Etsy, Society6, Redbubble, Amazon and Walmart.
- He's served the Jackson community by helping numerous young people develop their own successful businesses by securing commercial real estate and startup capital. He's also served as a volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity and the Aware Shelter in Jackson.
- Kyle, his wife Heather and young daughter Vera, currently live in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The family shares their home with a sweet rescue dog.