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Gardner is part of AASA's senior leadership, manages staff operations and directs technology initiatives for members.

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Gardner has more than 30 years of experience in the automotive industry, has received two automotive component patents, and has written dozens of articles and white papers on various automotive materials and processes.

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Gardner has a B.S. degree from North Carolina State University and the Master Automotive Aftermarket Professional designation from Northwood University's University of the Aftermarket. He received the Northwood University Automotive Aftermarket Management Education Award. He is a Lifetime Trustee with and serves on the board of the University of the Aftermarket Foundation

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