

Leading by Empowering All

Mitch Daniels commonly uses the phrase “the assignment I have” to describe the role he is working in at the time. He does so again in our story detailing why the Purdue University president is the winner of the Indiana Chamber’s 2018 Ogletree Deakins Business Leader of the Year award.



The same terminology can be applied to our two other individual honorees – Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush and KAR Auction Services CEO Jim Hallett. The Government Leader and Dynamic Leader, respectively, embody the servant leadership philosophy that is essential to individual and organizational success.

The six-year run, thus far, in West Lafayette for Daniels has delivered innovative approaches to student options and affordability, as well as enhanced the already substantial university impact on the business community and entire state.

Rush, in addition to her position on the Indiana Supreme Court team, serves as the leader of a court system that impacts Hoosier lives in so many ways. She strives to ensure young people are not further adversely impacted by the courts and everything possible is being done from a legal perspective to battle the opioid epidemic.

Hallett embraced the auto auction business early on. Today, he moves quickly and decisively in guiding the world’s largest online seller of automobiles. He does so by empowering a team of 1,600 Indiana associates and more than 17,000 worldwide.

Jasper, as the Republic Airways and Lift Academy Community of the Year, features individual and business pride. Those leading the way acknowledge the German heritage and business tradition, but also realize they must continue to invest to meet common workforce and quality of life challenges.

Congratulations to all, as well as the additional individuals and companies recognized throughout this issue.

I specifically point out our story on Page 80 detailing a few of the many impacts of our Chamber colleague Mark Lawrance during his time here. We wish Mark all the best as he prepares for retirement and the next phase of his consistently active and productive life.

Thank you, as always, for reading *BizVoice*®.

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