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BERT TRUCKSESS



Bert Trucksess has been a member of Lehigh's CSCRL Advisory Council since 2018.

Trucksess retired after 49 years of corporate life in 2020. His career started in 1971 in the energy business with the former Sun Oil Company where he served in a variety of finance positions. Destined by his last name, Trucksess then switched industries and spent the next 27 years in the trucking industry. Those years initially involved Chief Financial Officer positions with Sun Carriers, Preston Corporation and Yellow Corporation. In 1999, Trucksess became Chief Executive Officer of Yellow's non-union operation, principally Saia, Inc., which in 2002 he took public in a spin-off to shareholders. Trucksess then served as Chairman and CEO of Saia until 2007 when he transitioned to Chairman, a role he served until 2020. During his many years of association with Saia, Trucksess saw their revenue grow from approximately \$100 million in 1992 to \$1.8 billion in 2020.

In addition to serving on the CSCRL Advisory Council, Trucksess is Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Sacred Heart Emerald Coast Hospital in Miramar Beach FL, is Chairman of the Board of the Repertory Theatre in Seaside FL and is a Trustee of the Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Seaside Town Council, the Kansas City Repertory Theatre, the Heartland Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors, and the American Red Cross- Kansas City Chapter.

In 1971, Trucksess received a Bachelor of Science degree in business and economics from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA with highest honors and Phi Beta Kappa recognition. He primarily resides in Seaside FL and has a 2nd home in Kansas City MO. Trucksess has been married to his wife Sue since 1971 and has four adult children and twelve grandchildren.

