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## Purdue honors Mark Hagerman with degree

FT. WAYNE – Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) will recognize Mark Hagerman, CEO of The Hagerman Group, with an honorary Purdue University degree at its 42nd annual commencement ceremony, Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m., at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Hagerman and retired Indiana State Senator Robert Meeks will each receive a Doctor of Letters.

According to Purdue University, Hagerman will be honored **“for all the things he has done for our community, for his business acumen, personal integrity and character.”**

Hagerman firmly believes in following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather by giving back to the community. Several northeast Indiana leaders commented on his impact.

**“All across northeast Indiana, Mark has helped not-for-profit organizations meet their fundraising goals. As a result of his efforts, northeast Indiana is a far better place in which to live, work and raise a family,”** said Mark Keen, chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College.

**“The Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo has directly served 14 million people during the time Mark Hagerman has been involved with active friend-building and fundraising activities. I can honestly say that the zoo would not be the same place if not for the contributions of Mr. Hagerman,”** said Jim Anderson, zoo director.

Hagerman began his more than 40-year career with the family construction business while still in high school, working for fun in the summers and on Saturday afternoons. Starting at the bottom and learning the business literally from the ground up, he learned along the way that anything worth building needs to have a strong foundation. Today, Hagerman leads The Hagerman Group in its 101st year as a company.

Hagerman is a member of the John Purdue Club and he and his family have established the Ted Hagerman Purdue Foundation Scholarship at IPFW in memory of his late father. The company was also the sponsor of the eco-friendly IPFW-Hagerman Habitat for Humanity House project last year.

The Hagerman Group built several of the buildings on the Purdue campus in West Lafayette. At IPFW, the company was the contractor for five of the main buildings on campus: Kettler Hall, Walb Student Union, Helmke Library, Classroom-Medical Building and the Science Building.

*The Hagerman Group offers general contracting, construction management, design-build and green-build services in addition to masonry, concrete and carpentry. Comprised of Hagerman Construction, Hagerman Inc. and GDH, the firm has offices in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Lafayette.*

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