

Higher Education Position, No. 1 Biographies

ID #51 - Mr. C. Ray Hayes, the incumbent, is Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations of The University of Alabama System. His career spans 35-plus years of senior administrative leadership in higher education. The UA System has a budget of more than \$5 billion and is one of the state's major employers. He is responsible for the overall fiscal integrity of UA System resources, working in partnership with campus presidents and administrative teams at UA, UAB, UAH, and UAB Health System on finance, investments, physical properties, and HR management. He coordinates the annual UA System budget, leads institutional planning and prioritization of initiatives, implements cost-cutting strategies and resource allocation, and is responsible for budget requests to the Executive and Legislative branches of state government. He is charged with oversight of major construction projects for the UA System. Mr. Hayes is the former VP for Finance and Administration at Mississippi State University and Executive VP for Finance and Administration at Texas A&M - Corpus Christi. He earned his bachelor's and MBA degrees from Mississippi State and held leadership roles with the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), the Society for College and University Planning and other regional and national entities.

ID #52 - Dr. Joseph G. Van Matre is a Professor at UAB's Collat School of Business. His Ph.D. dissertation analyzed common stock IPOs and followed his record as an active investor that began after receiving his undergraduate degree. Today, he manages a portfolio with 3- and 5-year returns that better the S&P 500 returns. He attended the University of Montevallo for two years on an Honors Scholarship, and then transferred to Auburn for his B.E.E. '63. After three years with Alabama Power, he returned to Auburn for his M.B.A. Dr. Van Matre then attended the University of Alabama on an N.D.E.A. Fellowship. His course load includes Quantitative Methods in Finance. Teaching undergraduates and graduates, he has been honored with the President's Award for Teaching Excellence. He has published articles, chapters, and books, and received the Distinguished Service Award from Southeast Decision Sciences Institute (DSI), and served as National DSI Vice President. He has served multiple terms as Chair of both the Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee. Dr. Van Matre served on the Faculty Senate several times including three terms as Parliamentarian. He established an endowed scholarship at UAB in honor of his parents in 1986, and another more recently at Auburn.
