

New Council Members

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

JOINING THE COUNCIL IN FALL 2016

MATT TAPHORN '88

Senior Business Resource Manager | Caterpillar Inc. | East Peoria, Illinois

Matt is currently the Senior Business Resource Manager with the Material Handling & Underground Division of Caterpillar, Inc. located in East Peoria, Illinois. In this position, Matt leads a team supporting the mining products produced at several facilities around the world with responsibilities including strategy development and execution, financial accounting, reporting, and decision support. The Material Handling & Underground Division supports the following product groups: Material Handling – Large Track Type Tractors, Large Wheel Loaders, Off-Highway Trucks, Wheel-Tractor Scrapers, Surface Rock Drills, and Articulated Trucks, and Underground Mining – Hard Rock Vehicles, Longwall Mining, Room & Pillar Mining, and Hard Rock Cutting. Prior to his current role, Matt has held positions in Corporate Accounting, Remanufacturing, and in Global Mining with leadership roles in the integration of the Bucyrus acquisition and subsequent divestiture of the related distribution businesses, and the integration of the Siwei acquisition. Matt joined Caterpillar in 2004.

Matt started his career at Price Waterhouse in Peoria from 1988 to 1991 as a Senior Auditor. He was the Controller for PJS Publications, a publishing company located in Peoria from 1991 to 1998. Matt was a Financial Advisor for AG Edwards in Peoria from 1998 to 2002, and a Financial Consultant for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Peoria from 2002 to 2004.

Matt holds a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University (1988), and is a Certified Public Accountant. He currently resides in Morton, Illinois along with his wife Kelly (Nimmo) Taphorn (ISU '90). His son Drake (MAS ISU '15) also resides in Morton, and is employed as an accountant by Caterpillar in Peoria. His daughter Karson (BN Illinois Wesleyan University '16) is employed as a labor and delivery nurse by OSF St. Joseph in Bloomington. His twin sons, Chase and Drew are currently in school at North Central College in Naperville, and Illinois Central College in East Peoria, respectively.

