

G. Richard Wagoner, Jr. T'75



Rick Wagoner retired as chairman and chief executive officer at General Motors Corporation in August 2009. He joined GM in 1977 in its New York Treasurer's office, and subsequently held senior positions in Brazil, Canada and Europe. In 1992, he was named executive vice president and chief financial officer of GM. He was subsequently named president of GM North America in 1994 before assuming the roles of president and chief operating officer of GM in 1998, president and chief executive officer in 2000, and then chairman and chief executive officer in 2003.

Mr. Wagoner received a B.A. in economics from Duke in 1975 and an MBA from Harvard University in 1977. He was a member of the presidential search committee that selected Richard H. Brodhead as President of Duke University in 2003. Mr. Wagoner is also a member of the Fuqua School of Business Board of Visitors, and served as chair from 1997-2001.

Serving on the Boards of Directors of The Washington Post Company and Aleris Corporation, Mr. Wagoner is also a member of the AEA Investors Global Advisory Board, the Mayor of Shanghai's International Business Leaders Advisory Council, The Business Council, and The Detroit Country Day School Board of Trustees.

Mr. Wagoner's wife, Kathy Kaylor Wagoner, is a Duke alumna and member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. Their three sons are Trip, class of 2006; Scott, class of 2008; and Matt, class of 2012.

A member of the Duke Board of Trustees since 2001, Mr. Wagoner currently serves as chair. He also chairs the Executive Committee, and is a member of the Committee on Trusteeship and the Duke Health System Board of Directors. He has previously served on the Academic Affairs, Audit, Facilities and Environment, Institutional Advancement, Student Affairs, and Undergraduate Affairs Committees.

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