Top Executives to Discuss Future of Transportation at University of Denver

Transportation Institute to Host 35 Senior Leaders to Speak with Master’s Students

DENVER— The Transportation Institute at the University of Denver will host 35 senior transportation executives including Matt Rose (Executive Chairman of BNSF), Michelle Livingstone (Vice President of Transportation for The Home Depot), and Ron Harper (Vice President of Global Logistics for J.C. Penney) to discuss the future of the transportation industry on January 16, 17, and 18. For additional panelists, please see list below.

“We are delighted to have such a strong contingent of participants to discuss the future of transportation,” said Brooks Bentz, President of Supply Chain Consulting and a faculty member for the Transportation Institute. “Their willingness to give back and to support the Transportation Institute will be of substantive benefit to the executive master’s cohort.”

What impact will the next presidential administration have on rail, trucking, and shipping? What challenges do these sectors face? How do we prepare our future transportation leaders to tackle these issues in a sustainable way? The panelists will seek to answer these questions and more related to the future of the transportation industry during this three-day event designed for students in the executive master’s program offered by the Transportation Institute.

“This course content is a prime example of how our students benefit from the industry and academic partnership we have cultivated through the Transportation Institute over the years,” said Michael McGuire, dean of University College where the Transportation Institute is housed. “It gives our master’s students an opportunity to gain real-world insights from the unique perspectives of high-level leaders who are shaping their industry.”

The Transportation Institute offers an executive master’s degree, panels, and educational resources for industry leaders to inspire transportation solutions. To learn more about the Transportation Institute at the University of Denver, visit www.du.edu/transportation. Additional panelists for the January event include:

- John Anderson (Advisory Director, Greenbriar)
- Brooks Bentz (President, Supply Chain Consulting)
- William DeWitt (Faculty, Transportation Institute)
- Craig Dickman (CEO Break-Through Fuel)
Doug Duncan (former CEO, FedEx Freight)
Tom Finkbiner (Chairman, TigerCool Express; former VP-Intermodal, NS)
John Gray (President, Rail Management Services)
Craig Harper (COO, J.B.Hunt)
Ron Harper (VP-Transportation, J.C. Penney)
Tony Hatch (Wall Street Analyst)
Pete Keller (former COO, NYK Lines)
John Larkin (Managing Director, Stifel Financial)
Craig Lentzsch (CEO, John Anderson (Greebriar Capital),
Michelle Livingstone (VP-Transportation, The Home Depot)
Doug Punzel (President, Celtic Intermodal)
David Radom (Director-Transportation, Gallo/G3E)
Matt Rose (Executive Chairman, BNSF)
Greg Ritter (CCO, XPO)
Matt Rose (Executive Chairman, BNSF)
John Terry (Transport Investor)
Chris Wilkins (Trax Technologies)
James Welch (CEO, YRC)

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