

Biography for Kirk Kirkpatrick

Kirk was born in Owensboro, attended OHS and is a 1974 graduate of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA.

He worked for ten years at Owensboro on the Air, Incorporated, first as a radio disc jockey, then program director. Later he held the position of Director of Marketing and Promotion for the cable television system and the Director of Public Relations.

Kirk joined Wax Works/Video Works in 1984 as Sales Manager for their video division. He was named Vice President in 1988, heading up a division that sold more than \$100 million of videocassettes and DVDs a year.

Kirk became President and CEO of the RiverPark Center Foundation in January 2001 and two years later returned to Wax Works as President.

He is celebrating his 33rd consecutive year as Master of Ceremonies for the Chamber's Rooster Booster monthly meeting. The Chamber named him "**Member of the Year**" in 1995, 2000 and again in 2005.

Kirk has served on the board of directors for Junior Achievement, RiverPark Center, Downtown Owensboro, March of Dimes, WNIN-TV, Kentucky Council for Economic Education, Cliff Hagan Boy's & Girl's Club, ODCH Foundation, co-chairman of Owensboro Crime Commission and headed up a \$100,000 fund raising drive for the Wendell Foster Center.

He earned a "**STAR**" Award in volunteerism in 1995, was recognized for "**Outstanding Service**" to the city in 2009 and received the "**Mayor's Award for Excellence**", the highest honor bestowed by the City of Owensboro, for community involvement a year earlier. County Judge Executive Reid Haire named Kirk an "**Honorary Judge Executive**" in 2002.

He is a former graduate and a current Day Chair for GOAL (formerly Leadership Owensboro), an organization that honored him with their "**Outstanding Community Involvement**" award in 2001. He is former President of the 4th of July Summer Festival, charter board member of the Owensboro Dance Theatre, co-chair of "**Philanthropy Day**" for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, chairman of the "Mayor's Cable TV Advisory Committee", founder and board member of Owensboro's "**Friday After 5**" free concert series and was Grand Marshall of the Owensboro Christmas Parade in 2006.

Kirk and his wife, Dianne have one daughter, Kelsey, a 2002 graduate of the University of Kentucky, earned her Masters Degree in Broadcast Journalism from Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, worked as a producer at MSNBC and production assistant at Court TV and today is an anchor at WHAS-TV, the ABC affiliate in Louisville, KY.