

ALUMNI PROFILE

Don Barber Retired Senior Vice President of Air Operations, FedEx Express



Herff College of Engineering Experience

"I believe the success a person achieves is a combination of opportunity, chance and preparedness. Getting my master's degree at the Herff College of Engineering was a key factor in my personal preparedness. This degree helped open doors which led to several of the important advances in my career."



Professional History

From 1976-2005, Don Barber worked at FedEx. He began his career as a mechanic and ascended the ranks to Managing Director of Engineering, Managing Director of Power Plants, Managing Director of the Los Angeles Airframe Maintenance Division, Vice President of Maintenance, Vice President of Aircraft Maintenance and Vice President of Engineering & Quality Assurance. He then served as Senior Vice President of Air Operations where he was responsible for all aviation operations from 1998 until his retirement in 2005.

Significant Accomplishments

- Served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-1972
- Vietnam Veteran
- Served on Advisory Committees for the Air Transportation Association, Emissions Task Force, the National Defense Transportation Association and the Air Cargo Association
- Chaired the RTCA Air Traffic Management Advisory and Steering Committees
- Advisory Council Member, Herff College of Engineering
- Board Member, MITRE Corporation Center for Advanced Aerospace Systems Development
- Board and Executive Committee Member, ORBIS International
- Herff College of Engineering's Outstanding Alumnus, 2001

Education

- Bachelor's of science degree in aviation maintenance management, 1976, Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado
- Master's degree in industrial systems engineering, 1983, University of Memphis

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