

ALUMNI PROFILE

Theopolis Holeman Senior Vice President of Power Delivery, Duke Energy



Herff College of Engineering Experience

"My experience at the University of Memphis helped to ignite a passion for continuous learning. It taught me to remain a work-in-progress and to always have a thirst for learning. While I was at the University, I found a comfort and a confidence in who I am and what I have to offer. My time here provided a foundation for service and the importance of being a positive influence."



Professional History

Holeman began his career in 1972 as an engineer with Trunkline Gas Co. in Houston, Texas. He held positions of increasing responsibility for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline and Trunkline and was named Supervising Engineer in 1982. In 1983, he was promoted to Technical Operations Superintendent, and in 1988 he was promoted again to Transmission Services Director. In 1992, he was named Vice President of Transmission for Trunkline. Holeman was appointed Senior Vice President of Transmission and Engineering for Duke Energy Gas Transmission in 2000. In 2003, he became Executive Vice President of Power Delivery for Duke Power.

Currently, Holeman leads the company's power delivery organization, which encompasses the electric distribution and the electric transmission systems for Duke Energy's service territories in North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Holeman's group is responsible for delivering electricity to more than 3.9 million customers.

Significant Accomplishments

- Active board member of Association of Edison Illuminating Companies, Southeastern Electric Exchange, InRoads, Community Building Initiative and Boy Scouts of America
- Recognized as one of the Top 75 Most Powerful Black Executives in the U.S. by Black Enterprise Magazine
- Senior fellow of the American Leadership forum
- Member of the Executive Leadership Council
- Previous board member of Gas Technology Institute, the Southern Gas Association, Houston Youth Corps, and Crossroads: Community Partnerships for Youth
- 2001 CareerFOCUS Eagle Award from National Eagle Leadership Institute

Education

- Bachelor of science degree in construction technology, 1971, University of Memphis
- Masters degree in business administration, 1979, University of Houston
- Stanford Executive Program, 1994

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