

ALUMNI PROFILE

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Herff College of Engineering Experience

"When I took my first political appointment in Washington D.C., I was a little intimidated by the Ivy League resumes of many of my colleagues. But I quickly realized that the analytical approach to problem solving I learned at the University of Memphis prepared me well for virtually any challenge. I owe much of my 'luck' to the University of Memphis, which positioned me to take advantage of opportunities as they presented themselves in my career."



Professional History

- Acting Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), May 2007
- Deputy Administrator for the Transportation Security Administration, DHS, 2005 – 2007
- Designated by President George W. Bush to serve as the Acting Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 2005
- Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (DOT), 2002 – 2005
- Transportation Recovery and Security Consultant for DOT, 2001 – 2002
- Senior Operations Officer, American Red Cross, 1999 – 2000
- Senior Vice President, Chapter Operations, American Red Cross, 1998 – 1999
- Chief Operations Analyst, American Red Cross, 1997 – 1998
- Engineering Manager, United Parcel Service, 1991 – 1997
- Project Engineer, United Parcel Service, 1988 – 1991

Significant Accomplishments

- Working with Administrator Hawley, coordinated the Transportation Security Administration's overnight response to the foiled liquids bomb plot of August 10, 2006
- Named Herff College of Engineering's Outstanding Alumnus, 2006
- At the request of U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Mineta, led DOT efforts to restore pipeline service and facilitate air evacuations during Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, 2005
- Led the Federal Railroad Administration in the creation of the National Rail Safety Action Plan, in response to the tragic accident in Graniteville, South Carolina, 2005
- Awarded the U.S. Department of Transportation's War on Terrorism Medal, 2004
- Awarded the Secretary of Transportation's 9/11 Medal, 2003
- Spearheaded the Federal Transit Administration's transit security program and its \$4.5 billion Lower Manhattan transportation recovery operation, established in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001

Education

- Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, 1987, University of Memphis

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