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Paul J. Kardos

Class of 1962



Paul Kardos came to Grove City College to study mathematics and help lead the Wolverine football squad into several successful seasons. After finishing his studies at Grove City, Kardos began a career with the Insurance Company of North America, located in Pittsburgh. After only a few years, he was promoted and then relocated to Los Angeles, eventually becoming vice president for the company.

In 1976, Horace Mann Insurance Company invited Kardos to become its executive vice president. In his more than 20 years with Horace Mann, Kardos used innovative tactics to increase the company's premium volume tenfold and raised assets from millions to billions. He led a management buyout in 1989. He retired in May of 2000 as president, CEO and chairman of the board.

Kardos was involved in Stanford's Executive Program, and served on boards for Martine Bank, United Way, and St. John's Hospital. He served his alma mater on the Alumni Council from 2001 to 2004 and as an Alumni Trustee from 2000 to 2003.

Additional degree: MBA, Stanford University