

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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MARK FURLONG Class of 1975



After graduating from Ottawa Township High School, Mark Furlong received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Finance, and Business from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He became certified as a CPA rising through various positions at major accounting firms to eventually become an Audit Partner for Deloitte & Touche. Mark then transitioned to other corporate finance positions, among others, serving as Chief Financial Officer of Old Kent Financial Corporation, before moving to Marshall & Ilsley Bank (M&I) as CFO in 2001, then elected President of M&I in 2004, adding the titles of Chief Executive Officer in 2007, and Chairman of the Board in 2010. At the time M&I was the largest bank in Wisconsin and the 38th largest bank in the U.S. In 2011 M&I was acquired by BMO Harris Bank, which is the U.S. presence of the Bank of Montreal, and Mark was immediately named as President and CEO of the combined U.S. institution. At the time of Mark's retirement from BMO Harris in 2015 it was the 25th largest bank in the United States. Mark currently serves on corporate boards for Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc., Kforce, Inc., Antares Capital, and Heska Corporation. His current and past commitments include serving on the Chicago Board of Education as an appointee of then Mayor Rahm Emmanuel, the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Northwestern Memorial Foundation, LEAP Innovations, Common Ground Foundation, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, Froedtert Health, the United Performing Arts Fund, and Chicago United, among others.