

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Thomas Hund

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Thomas Hund (BBA '76) was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Burlington Northern Santa Fe for almost 15 years, until his retirement in 2014. In all, he served for more than three decades with the company.

Hund received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Loyola University Chicago, and he earned an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Beginning his career at Peat Marwick as an audit manager, Hund soon moved into the railroad industry, where he spent the rest of his professional career. He took a position with the accounting department of Santa Fe Industries in 1983 and was later appointed assistant vice president and controller for Santa Fe Railway. Hund was promoted to vice president and controller in 1990, and he was promoted to vice president and controller of Santa Fe Pacific the same year. He held this position until the merger with Burlington Northern in 1995, when he was appointed vice president and controller of Burlington Northern Santa Fe as it became one of the nation's premier railway corporations. As BNSF's chief

financial officer, Hund managed a vast portfolio of duties which included testifying before congressional committees and overseeing the company's financial wellbeing.

Hund is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society. His professional associations and community work also include service with the Financial Executive Institute, and he was a board member of the Gatehouse Foundation, Daseke, KaiNexus, and numerous other charitable organizations. Hund is past board president of GRACE, and also past chairman of both the International Board of Visitors of Texas Christian University and Tarrant County United Way.