

Executive MBA Council honors Maury Kalnitz with 2007 Bud Fackler Service Award

Maury Kalnitz, the first managing director of the Executive MBA Council, recently received the 2007 Bud Fackler Service Award from the Executive MBA Council.

The Bud Fackler Service Award recognizes contributions to the Executive MBA Council and to Executive MBA Programs worldwide, including efforts to help other programs, to share best practices, and to raise the quality of Executive MBA Programs. The council named the award after Bud Fackler, the late director of the Executive MBA Program at the University of Chicago and one of the council's founders.

The Executive MBA Council chose Kalnitz as managing director when the council formed an organization independent from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in 2000. He served in that role until his retirement in June 2007.

"I wanted the new organization to focus on enhancing services and add as much value as possible to member schools," says Kalnitz. Since 2000, the council has increased its membership from 150 to more than 220 member schools and 330 programs, including growth in non-U.S. based schools and programs. It enhanced its communication and research offerings and added professional development courses. Kalnitz also helped the council strengthen its relationships with its strategic partners and corporate members.

"Maury and the Executive MBA Council's original board had a dream of an independent professional organization with a culture of collegial learning and a focus on education, information sharing and networking," says Barry Van Dyck, chair of the council's Board of Trustees and director of degree programs, executive education, at Notre Dame. "Our success today is a strong testimonial to their insight, vision, fortitude, perseverance and leadership. We have many reasons to say thank you and will be hard pressed to equal the leadership that we have enjoyed from Maury, prior Board of Trustees and hundreds of volunteers."

Kalnitz held leadership positions in both industry and higher education. He spent nearly 30 years at IBM in a variety of domestic and international positions, including head of development operations for IBM Europe and head of health industry marketing for the Asia/Pacific region. As his management role increased, Kalnitz enrolled in the Executive MBA Program at Georgia State University. He retired from corporate life in 1992 and became director of Georgia State's Executive MBA Program. Kalnitz attended his first Executive MBA Council Conference in 1992. In 1995 he was elected to the Board of Trustees and in 1997 to 1998 he served as board chair.

The Executive MBA Council fosters excellence and innovation worldwide in Executive and Professional MBA Programs, as well as in other business-related degree programs for professionals. For more information, contact the Executive MBA Council at 714.628.7334 or info@embac.org.