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Treasurer Donald E. Rankey Jr. Named Capital University Distinguished Alumni

DELAWARE, Ohio (Aug. 25, 2022) – Delaware County Treasurer Donald E. Rankey Jr. has been named a 2022 Distinguished Alumni by Capital University.

Rankey was one of only two alums tapped for the honor.

“This is beyond humbling,” Rankey said. “To be so honored by my beloved alma mater is one of the greatest honors of my life. I’m truly grateful to those individuals at Capital University who found me deserving of his distinction.”

Rankey is a 1992 graduate of Capital, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

“At Capital University, we are proud to boast many, many outstanding graduates,” said April R. Novotny, associate vice president for advancement development at Capital University. “Being selected as one of our distinguished alumni puts Mr. Rankey in rare company. He richly deserves this honor.”

Rankey will be honored the weekend of Sept. 22-24 during Capital’s homecoming weekend.

Rankey has not only created a highly successful business from the ground up, but he also is known as “The Architect” of the current resurgence of Downtown Delaware, Ohio. As a former councilman, Rankey was instrumental in securing funding for many downtown projects. He also personally purchased and renovated several downtown buildings.

He served as vice-president and chief development, marketing and housing officer for United Church Homes Inc. in Marion, Ohio, and as the director of development services and regional manager for National Church Residences in Columbus.

In 1985, while still an undergraduate at Capital, Don launched his own company, HomeLife Companies Inc.

HomeLife Companies is a senior living and healthcare management consulting firm, specializing in real estate development, market research, marketing and management. In the 32 years that Don has served as the CEO of Homelife, he has become a nationally recognized expert in the management of retirement communities and as a turn-around specialist.

He has constructed, renovated and managed more than 100 properties across the United States and in Puerto Rico. He is frequently called upon by the federal and state governments to take over management of failing or bankrupt facilities. He has never had a single facility fail under his management.

During his time on Delaware City Council, Don served on the Airport Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, the Balance Growth Task Force, and the Delaware County Community Improvement Corporation. He chaired of the Finance Committee, the Delaware City Council and Delaware City Schools Joint Commission and the Delaware Historic Preservation Commission.

Rankey was appointed to the Delaware County Finance Authority in 2016 and served as treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer from 2017-2020. During his tenure on the Finance Authority, Don spearheaded efforts to attract new commercial, light industrial and multi-family developments to Delaware County. These efforts created more than 2,000 jobs, and real estate investment in the county totaled more than \$100 million.

He was elected treasurer of Delaware County in 2020. He is the county's chief investment officer and responsible for collecting more than \$660 million in annual property taxes from nearly 90,000 parcels. His office also oversees an investment portfolio in excess of \$325 million. In 2021, Don's first full year as treasurer, his office collected in excess of \$20 million in delinquent property taxes, an increase of 110 percent from the prior year.

Rankey was recently elected to the Ohio Land Bank Board of Directors and was one of the founders of the Patrick J. Tiberi Leadership Institute.

He is a life-long resident of Central Ohio. He grew up on the north side of Columbus and graduated from Northland High School. He and Pam have three adult sons – DJ, Morgan and Braydon.

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