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## Steve Voorhees Delivers Keynote Address

On April 9, the Paper Science & Engineering Foundation was honored to hear a keynote presentation given by **Steve Voorhees**, CEO of WestRock, at the Student Recognition Banquet. WestRock is a leading provider of differentiated paper and packaging solutions and one of FORTUNE's *World's Most Admired Companies*.



Steve Voorhees

Mr. Voorhees' presentation focused on "Preparation meets Opportunity". He addressed how Miami University students can be prepared for their careers in the industry, with a particular emphasis on product development, and the importance of people to the success of the organization.

## \$1 Million Scholarship Endowment Commitment Announced

While attending the General Membership Meeting before the banquet on April 9th, **Mark Kowlzan**, Chairman and CEO of Packaging Corporation of America, announced their commitment to the students of the Paper Engineering program by announcing a \$1 Million donation to the Paper Science & Engineering Foundation for a scholarship endowment. This commitment shows the passion of PCA to support the efforts to educate and train the students of the paper program.



Mark Kowlzan

## Jon Kerr, Jim Tausche & Bruce Guiot Recognized for Contributions



Jim Tausche with Gary Rudemiller

Not only was **Jim Tausche** called to the stage to be presented with the **Corporate Partnership Award** for the company he co-founded, EDT, Jim was also presented the **Heritage Award** for his significant contributions to the legacy of the Paper Science & Engineering Foundation. It is not often that a volunteer steps in and exhibits great ownership of an organization and its mission, but this characterizes this year's recipient of the award. He has contributed greatly to improving the Foundation's fiscal management systems and has been involved with the Foundation since 2012, making him a worthy recipient of the Heritage award, presented as he ends his two-year term as Foundation President.

The **Pioneer Award** is presented to an individual for their distinguished service in providing vision and leadership to expand the future of Paper Science and Engineering at Miami University. This year it was presented to **Mr. Jon Kerr**. Jon has had a long and varied career in the paper industry, but upon assuming the reigns as Executive Director of Miami's Paper Science & Engineering Foundation in 2011, he quickly acquired a great love for Miami's Paper program, and acted as a steward par excellence of the program. He has advocated strongly for Miami's Paper Engineering program within the TAPPI organization, where he is a TAPPI Fellow, and by whom he was named the Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service award winner for 2015. It was with great pleasure that the Foundation was able to acknowledge this year's recipient of the Pioneer Award, the past Executive Director of our Paper Science & Engineering Foundation, Mr. Jon Kerr.



John Kerr with Gary Rudemiller



Bruce Guiot

**Miami Partnership Award** is presented annually to a member of the PCE faculty, PCE staff, or a member of the Miami University community who has made a significant contribution to further the mission of the Paper Science and Engineering Foundation. This year's recipient is **Mr. Bruce Guiot**, who has served the Foundation as Treasurer since 2007. Bruce has been a steady and reliable contributor and participant in Foundation activities for 12 years now. For the University, he is the Chief Investment Officer for the university, overseeing the university's investments, Treasury Operations, and Debt. Please join me in acknowledging Bruce's years of service as Treasurer of the Foundation.

## Leadership Changes



Beginning at the conclusion of the 2019 annual meeting, several changes took place in officer positions of the Foundation.

Bob Feeser assumed the position of Foundation President. He replaces Jim Tausche who completed a two year term as President and is now the President Emeritus. Bob graduated from Miami's Paper Science and Engineering program in 1984. He recently retired from WestRock where he served as President, Consumer Packaging, at the Richmond, Virginia location. Congratulations to Bob and we look forward to his leadership of the Foundation as we move forward.

With Bob's move to President, Carl Luhrmann (Andritz, Inc.) moves to the position of First Vice President and Kim Humphreys (Avery Dennison) has been elected to the office of Second Vice President.

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#### 1st Vice President:

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#### President Emeritus:

Jim Tausche..Enzymatic Deinking Technologies

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Bruce Guiot ..... Miami University

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## PHOTOS FROM THE 59TH ANNUAL BANQUET

