



Noel C Jordan Spring 22, Recipient

Noel C Jordan is a 1971 alumni that received both his bachelors and master's degree in Industrial Engineering at NDSU. Before embarking on his professional career, Noel became a well-respected professor at NDSU achieving tenure after his first year of teaching and was the recipient of two NDSU service awards. This foundation served as the starting point of a long and successful career with strong ties to his alma mater. After leaving NDSU, Noel worked for IBM before taking over as Chief Industrial Engineer at Trane Company in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. His next position at Trane was Manager of Factory Costs over 11 manufacturing facilities in the US. Noel was subsequently promoted to National Sales Manager. His last position at Trane was that of Sales and Operations Manager of the International Division.

Noel always had an entrepreneurial aspiration and a love for boating. As a result, he purchased a boat manufacturing company located in LaCrosse, WI. His company, Skipperliner Industries, manufactured large house boats, and cruise boats. Noel's company built over 1500 boats including 250 boats on Lake Powell, boats for Disney and numerous commercial boats. Boats he built are on major waterways all over North America. His company was the world leader in 50 to 150 passenger commercial boats and received numerous awards for excellence, not to mention Skipperliner built the largest boat in Disney's Magic Kingdom. Noel's company also sold retail boats and operated marinas and service operations around the United States. Noel had an ownership stake in many of the commercial boats operating on the Gulf of Mexico, the East Coast, Branson, Lake Minnetonka, the Mississippi River and other waterways around the US.

Noel's last major accomplishment was owning and growing the number one marina in Naples, Florida where he still has the position of Commodore of the Fleet. He sold his interest in 2019.

Noel has always been a major advocate of Industrial Engineering and NDSU. He still considers Fargo and North Dakota State as his home as much of his family still resides there. As a former sports editor for the NDSU Spectrum, he loves to follow Bison football. His philanthropic efforts have included The Boys Club of LaCrosse, where he was once President, the Mayo Clinic Foundation, and most recently Noel has been donor to his Fraternity's remodeling project currently underway. Noel also served as President of LaCrosse Area Economic Development Authority.

Noel resides with his wife Carol in Bonita Springs, Florida. He has 5 children and 6 grandchildren.