



Carl C. Liebert III, CEO of 24 Hour Fitness, FCHS '83

Carl's work ethic and strong academics helped him achieve success during his high school years, in the Naval Academy, at Vanderbilt University and in his professional career. Carl was instrumental in helping the 1983 Floyd Central boys' basketball team to the final game of the Terre Haute Semi-State. While in high school, Carl lettered in basketball, was a member of the National Honor Society, and a representative to Indiana Boys' State. His classroom and court achievements garnered him an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and a position on the Academy's basketball team. In the Naval Academy, Carl was a three-year Varsity Letter winner in Basketball and was named an All Colonial Athletic Association player in his senior year (1987). While at FCHS and at the Naval Academy, Carl was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, serving as its chapter vice-president at the Naval Academy.

Carl currently serves as Chief Executive Officer at 24 Hour Fitness, which he joined in 2006. He oversees the operations of more than 430 fitness centers across the United States and in Asia. Under Carl's leadership, 24 Hour Fitness has forged partnerships with the United States Olympic Committee, NBC's "The Biggest Loser," and Jessica's Hope Project, a non-profit organization that

sends fitness-related nutritional products to our troops overseas. Prior to joining 24 Hour Fitness, Carl was Executive Vice President for Home Depot.

Carl serves on the board of directors for the V Foundation for Cancer Research. He previously served on multiple national boards, including national non-profit KaBOOM!, the Veterans of Foreign Wars foundation, as well as the Deming Center for Quality, Productivity and Competitiveness at Columbia Business School. He is currently supporting the Naval Academy's Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership. He serves on the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation Board of Directors, and the advisory Boards for both CameronBlue Capital and the Deming Center at Columbia University. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of USAA, a \$19 Billion financial services company in San Antonio, TX.

Carl holds a master's degree in business administration from Vanderbilt University and a bachelor's degree in physical science from the U.S. Naval Academy, where he helped to lead the 1986 Midshipmen team to a 30-5 record and Elite Eight NCAA tournament appearance. He served in the United States Navy as division officer for the USS Caloosahatchee.

Carl and his wife Amy (a 1986 graduate of FCHS) currently reside in northern California with their three sons, Jacob, Seth, and Samuel.



Deborah Richie, Ed.D., Executive Assistant Dean, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate College, FCHS '69

Deborah's academic achievements began in high school where she was recognized by teachers as a "great student." She was a National Honor Society member and received a Hoosier Scholar award. Her prowess for achieving academic greatness is represented by her current position as Executive Assistant Dean, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a position she has held since 2001. Deborah's nomination highlighted her numerous academic and professional achievements, roles and presentations throughout her career. Deborah earned her Bachelor in Education from Indiana University Southeast, a Masters from the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts Professions at New York University, and her Doctorate in Educational Organization and Leadership from the University of Illinois. She also studied abroad in Lund, Sweden.

Her education career encompasses her work in administration and teaching in community organizations, including the YWCA and Planned Parenthood, a domestic violence service agency, and over 20 years in higher education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her

teaching career combined teaching graduate courses at Illinois and a New York University summer study abroad program in Scandinavia. In her graduate education work, she holds an appointment as adjunct Assistant Professor in Educational Organization and Leadership and has served as President of the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools.

Deborah's life also showcases her humanitarian role; she has served, and continues to serve, on numerous boards, panels, and committees. These include: the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Urbana-Champaign Chapter Board, Campus Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns, Study Abroad Advisory Committee, Rape Awareness and Prevention Committee, and Emergency Dean (volunteer on call after-hours for Student Affairs).

Prior to her current position, Deborah was Assistant Director for Academic Programs and Research, Housing Division at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Health Educator/Sexuality Education Coordinator for McKinley Health Center, University of Illinois (where she was also awarded Student Affairs Outstanding Staff Member); and Adjunct Faculty/Co-Director, International Seminar, Copenhagen, Denmark with New York University, Department of Health Studies. Deborah's numerous presentations at seminars and conferences include an array of varying topics.

Deborah is a grandmother, golfer, gardener, and avid reader who lives in Champaign, Illinois with her husband, Ron Reynolds.