

Pan Am President Featured at UNH CEO Forum Feb. 3

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DURHAM, N.H. --David Fink, president of Pan American Airlines, will be the featured speaker at the University of New Hampshire's CEO Forum.

The event -- scheduled in February and held at the New England Center on the Durham campus -- is sponsored by the UNH Business Forum Office. The forum is geared toward company presidents, CEOs and other business leaders. The program sponsor is BankBoston.

For the time of the Feb. 3 presentation, contact Peter Parady, CEO Forum director, UNH Business Forum Office, at 603-862-1107.

Fink became president of Pan American Airlines, Inc. in June of 1998 and has guided the airline through its initial fleet expansion and return to scheduled passenger service. Under Fink's leadership, Pan Am relocated from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to Portsmouth where the airline operates a 220,000 square foot maintenance facility at the Pease International Tradeport. The tradeport also features a new Pan Am passenger terminal, as well as an 11,000+ foot all-weather runway operated by the Air National Guard.

A fourth generation railroader, Fink began his career in transportation with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1953, during summer school breaks. He began full-time employment with Pennsylvania Railroad in 1957, holding various traffic and operating positions, and finally serving as division superintendent for Penn Central Transportation until 1970.

From 1970 to 1976, Fink served as manager of transportation for Ashland Oil Company; vice president of Ashland Coal; member of the Connecticut Transportation Authority; chairman of the Connecticut Governor's Rail Transportation Advisory Committee; and alternate member of Tri-State Regional Planning.

In 1977 he co-founded PermaTreat Corporation, serving as its president until 1980.

In 1981 he co-founded Guilford Transportation Industries, Inc. and continues to serve as its president. Guilford acquired the Maine Central Railroad Company and Portland Terminal Company in June of 1981. In 1983, the Boston and Maine Corporation and its subsidiary, Springfield Terminal Railway, were added, and the Guilford Rail System extended from Mattawamkeag, Maine, to Mechanicville, N.Y. Guilford Rail provides service in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and eastern New York, making it the northeast's largest regional rail freight carrier. The Guilford Rail System has repeatedly been recognized as one of the safest railroads in the nation.

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