

Roger L. Fitzsimonds

Class of 1956

Roger Fitzsimonds is being recognized for his business leadership, his commitment to community service and his philanthropy. After graduating from UW-Milwaukee and serving as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1964, Fitzsimonds spent his entire 35-year career with the same corporation. He joined First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee in 1964 and was named chairman and chief operating executive of Firststar Corporation, the state's largest bank holding company, in 1991. Fitzsimonds retired in 1999, after serving as chairman following Firststar's merger with the Star Banc Corporation in 1998. Throughout his career, Fitzsimonds emphasized the importance of community service, serving as president of the Greater Milwaukee Committee and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Milwaukee and chairman of several state and local business associations. Having earned his MBA at UW-Milwaukee in 1971, he also received honorary doctorates from UWM and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Fitzsimonds and his wife, Leona, support many local charities.

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