

# **Patrick G. Ryan**

**Class of 1955**

**A star football player, homecoming king and president of the Student Council in high school, Patrick Ryan is chairman and chief executive officer of Aon Corporation, a global insurance services organization. He founded the Ryan Insurance Group in Chicago in 1964. Following a merger in 1982, the international company now has more than 50,000 employees in 120 countries. One of Chicago's most prominent business and civic leaders, Ryan serves on the boards of his alma mater, Northwestern University, and the Tribune Company and is a trustee of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Ryan and his wife, Shirley, received the 1998 Distinguished Philanthropist Award for their work with Pathways Center for Children, which they founded to serve the needs of those with physical movement difficulties.**

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