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Taylor University has named Indianapolis-area executive, lawyer, and college fundraising professional Rex E. Bennett Vice President for University Advancement.

Bennett, who has served as Vice President for Development-Finance at Indianapolis-based real estate development and management company FSJ, Inc., since March 2016, previously served as an equity member at the Indianapolis law firm of Frost Brown Todd LLC for 16 years.

Bennett's previous service also includes practicing law at Indianapolis-based Benesch Dann Pecar, and service as Associate Vice President and Vice President for College Advancement at Greenville (Ill.) College from 1989–1996.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Greenville College, Master of Science in Higher Education Administration from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale, Ill.), and a Juris Doctorate from Southern Methodist University College of Law (Dallas, Texas).

A number of seminars have featured Bennett, who has spoken and presented on subjects including student loan indebtedness, commercial lending and risk, and real estate financing.

Bennett has also served on several trustees, governors and directors boards including those of Greenville College, Overseas Council for Theological Education, Inc. (Indianapolis, Ind.), Heartland Film Festival and Heartland Truly Moving Pictures (Indianapolis, Ind.), and Haven Sanctuary for Women (Greenwood, Ind.). He is also a member of the American Bar Association, Indiana Bar

Association, and Indianapolis Bar Association.

He and his wife Nancy are parents of two daughters, Katelyn and Hannah, both of whom are graduates of Taylor University.

Nancy Bennett was born and raised in Bedford, Indiana. She graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, after which she pursued a career with AT&T as a telecommunications marketing executive. She later worked for Mayflower Corporation as Manager of Corporate Telecommunications. She has served in leadership with Bible Study Fellowship, and volunteers at Mount Pleasant Christian Church, in Greenwood, where she and her husband have been active members since 1997. She also served as a parent volunteer at Center Grove Schools throughout their daughters' years there, particularly with the Center Grove Choir programs.

"Taylor University is a respected institution of higher learning with a long and rich history of excellence and Christ-centered commitment," said Bennett. "Both of our daughters earned their degrees from Taylor, and my wife Nancy and I have truly grown to love and admire Taylor's students, faculty, staff and alumni. We are thrilled to accept this opportunity to work with President Haines and the rest of the Taylor community."

"We are excited to welcome Rex Bennett to this crucial role," said Taylor President Paul Lowell Haines, EdD, JD. "Rex has been both a respected colleague and good friend for a number of years. His record of accomplishment, his passion for Christ-centered higher education, and his love for the Taylor University community make him a wonderful fit for our community. My wife Sherry and I look forward to having Rex and his wife Nancy join us."

Bennett will begin September 1.



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