



Tiffin University's Graduation
Saturday, May 4, 2019
2:00 pm.

Heminger Center
350 Miami St.
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Joseph Hinrichs, Executive Vice President and President of Global Operations at Ford Motor Company will deliver the keynote address during Tiffin University's 2019 Commencement Ceremony. Hinrichs is a global leader with extensive experience in overseeing operations in Asia Pacific, Africa, Canada, and the Americas.

The ceremony will begin at 2 pm. on Saturday, May 4th, and will be held in TU's Heminger Center located at 350 Miami Street. Approximately 3,000 guests are expected, including graduates who represent both undergraduate and graduate students.

"Mr. Hinrichs was selected as this year's commencement speaker because of his impressive career achievements and the leadership that he has provided to his profession," said TU President Lillian Schumacher. "I hope our graduates will benefit from hearing how Mr. Hinrichs succeeded in his career and his life based on hard work and integrity."



Hinrichs oversees Ford's global operations, including Manufacturing and Labor Affairs, Quality, Information Technology, Government Affairs, Sustainability, Environmental and Safety Engineering, Global Order to Delivery, as well as the Ford Customer Service Division.

Hinrichs received numerous awards for his contributions to the automotive industry. He was named the 2013 Fortune Magazine Reader's Choice winner as Business Person of the Year; named one of the 10 inaugural winners of the Shanghai Pudong Business Person of the Year award in 2013 in recognition of his leadership in growing Ford's business in China; received the 2008 Shien-Ming Wu Manufacturing Leadership Award, which recognizes manufacturing leaders for their visionary and strategic thinking, courage and impact on the manufacturing industry; named to Automotive News' 2007 All-Stars for Manufacturing; and was recognized for leading Ford's North American manufacturing team to help boost vehicle quality and improve plant productivity.

Not only has he served Ford since 2000, Hinrichs is also a leader in his community. He is chairman of the National Minority Supplier Development Council and a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Dayton. Hinrichs is also a campaign co-chair for the Michigan Education Excellence Foundation and a member of the Workforce Development Board for the city of Detroit.

Born in Columbus, Ohio in 1966, Hinrichs earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering magna cum laude from the University of Dayton (Ohio) in 1989, and a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School in 1994 as a GM Fellow. He also received an honorary Doctor of Science and Business Administration from Cleary University in 2014.

Hinrichs and his wife, Maria, have three children.