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David Dillon is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Kroger, Co. The company employs 310,000 associates who serve customers in more than 3600 supermarkets, convenience and jewelry stores under two dozen names. Kroger also operates 42 food processing plants.

Dave has served in a variety of leadership roles since joining the Dillon Companies in 1976 with its King Soopers division in Denver. During his career, he served in various positions with Fry's Food Stores in Phoenix (a division of Dillon Companies) and with the Dillon Companies prior to being named president of Dillon Companies in 1986. He was appointed executive vice president of Kroger in 1990 and was elected president and chief operating officer of the Company in 1995. Dave was named CEO of Kroger in 2003.

Dave is a member of the Board of Directors of the Convergys Corporation, and is the current chairman of the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of Cincinnati Foundation, the Board of Trustees for the University of Kansas Endowment, the Board of Bethesda Inc. and the Board of Catalyst. Dave holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the KU School of Business and a Juris Doctorate from Southern Methodist University.

Dave served on the School's Board of Advisors, as a trustee for the University's Endowment Association and as chairman of the board of trustees for Leadership Kansas. In 2004, the University honored David with the Fred Ellsworth Medallion for his outstanding business success and contributions toward the progress of the University of Kansas, the School of Business and the community.

