



BIOGRAPHY

James J. Mergiotti, President and Chief Executive Officer

James J. Mergiotti became president and chief executive officer of Philadelphia-based Peirce College on July 1, 2009.

Mr. Mergiotti joined the College as vice president, administration in July 1998 and was promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer in January 2000. In those roles he was responsible for all aspects of the baccalaureate-level institution, administratively and academically. He served as a Peirce College trustee from 1988 to 1998, including a term as board vice chair.

Mr. Mergiotti is a strong advocate for a relationship-driven academic environment. He played a key role in the development of Peirce Online, one of the pioneer initiatives in online higher education in the United States, while enhancing programs and achieving record-level operating results, and substantial student enrollment growth, at Peirce.

He has over 30 years of leadership experience in higher education, banking and public accounting including major roles in administration, operations and financial management, human resources development, mergers and acquisitions, strategic sourcing and contract negotiations, as well as nonprofit board relations. Mr. Mergiotti's strong business and financial acumen, combined with his ability to lead people, have contributed significantly to his success.

His extensive professional background includes 20 years experience at CoreStates Financial Corporation, where he held senior positions in finance and human resources. Prior to that, he was employed for three years as a senior accountant at Laventhol & Horwath in Philadelphia.

Mr. Mergiotti received a master's degree in finance from LaSalle University and a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Joseph's University. He is a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA).

Always strongly committed to community services, Mr. Mergiotti is a director and former board chair of Villa Victoria Academy, where he is a significant contributor to the operations of that organization. He formerly held directorships at the Holy Redeemer, Nazareth and St. Mary Home Health Services and the Boys' and Girls' Club of Metropolitan Philadelphia. He also served as an overseer at the School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania. He lives in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. In addition to his community activities, Mr. Mergiotti enjoys running, sports, reading, movies and his family.