



Mark Bates

Mark Bates grew up in Gadsden County and has spent all but 7 years of his life in Quincy. He began working in the tobacco fields at the age of 12 and the family hardware store at the age of 15. Mark was in the first graduating class of Shanks High School. He continued his education in Atlanta earning a BBA at Emory and MBA at Georgia State, and worked for The Trust Company of Georgia in their Management Training Program. After a death in the family in 1976, Mark returned to Quincy to work in the family hardware store.

While Mark did not attend TCC as a student, TCC educated him in Foundation and Nonprofit Management. His teachers included Jim Hinson, Marjorie Turnbull and Bill Law, among others. Mark

learned how to turn a \$3 million Major Gifts Campaign into a \$10 million Campaign, by hiring a consulting firm for guidance. He learned that all one needs to be a successful President of the Foundation is to have Marjorie Turnbull guide you!

Mark has used this education to currently serve as chairman of three nonprofit foundations, Treasurer of The Sawano Country Club, and his church. In prior years, he served on 2 bank boards, The Seminole Booster Board, and was President of both the TCC Foundation and Robert Munroe Day School.

“I cannot imagine this community without TCC. The opportunities provided by TCC enable many students the access to education. These students would probably not attend college without TCC”, notes Mark. He understands the power of education, and feels TCC under Jim Murdaugh’s leadership can improve the success rate of Gadsden students at the college level.

Watch the video presented at the 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Winston Howell speaking on behalf of Mark Bates [HERE](#).