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Three industry leaders join Oakland Business School Board of Visitors

The Oakland University [School of Business Administration](#) is welcoming three industry leaders as members to the School's Board of Visitors this fall.

They include: Kenneth Janke, senior advisor, Aflac; Jeff Klei, president, North American Automotive Division, Continental; and Craig Tonti, vice president and general manager, Lear Leather Division (formerly Eagle Ottawa).

All alumni of Oakland's business school, Janke, Klei and Tonti join an active board comprised of business leaders who support the school in developing transformational programs that integrate education with real-world application and skills.

"The business school benefits greatly from the input, counsel and support our board members share. We are fortunate to have these business leaders involved in the school, serving on our board," said [Michael A. Mazzeo, Ph.D.](#), dean and professor of finance, Oakland's School of Business Administration.

Janke, an Oakland MBA alum, brings a wealth of insight and expertise from a career in the investment and insurance industry. His leadership roles at Aflac included President, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Head of Corporate and Financial Development and Senior Vice President of Investor Relations. Prior to joining Aflac in 1985, he served as Director of Corporate Services of the National Association of Investors Corporation.

Klei, an Oakland MBA alum, was appointed President of Continental North America in 2008. In this role, he is responsible for customer, governmental and other external relationships in the region. Prior to this, Klei served as Vice President, Sales and Marketing for all Continental business units in North America. He is member of the Board of Directors for Crime Stoppers of Michigan and a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Prior to his current role at Lear Leather Division, **Tonti** (MIS '86) served as Chief Operating Officer and as President of the America's and Europe for Eagle Ottawa. Before joining Eagle Ottawa, he was Vice President, Sales and Program Management, United Technologies Automotive. Lear's Leather division provides leather products and design solutions for automotive interiors and its Research & Development facility is located in Rochester Hills.

Members of the Oakland Business School Board of Visitors advise and assist in implementing the school's strategic vision, help identify and raise resources for the school and its programs, and advocate for the school in the community.

The mission of Oakland University's School of Business Administration is to advance knowledge and enhance students' abilities to manage in a global business environment. The mission is achieved through a synergistic combination of teaching, scholarship and professional service, with emphasis on the linkage of theory and practice, and the application and management of technology. Toward the achievement of these ends, the SBA promotes collaborative relationships among students, faculty, administrators and employers.



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