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University of Notre Dame Students Learn to Do the Right Thing

South Bend, Ind. (Feb. 23, 2009) — Dave Sommer, business leader for Trane's commercial systems business in Indiana, will discuss the evolution of ethics and business leadership with students in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame:

Time: 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Date: Feb. 26

Location: The Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

Along with his presentation, Sommer will engage students in a discussion about how to apply ethics to real-world business challenges. He will also demonstrate the importance of ethics in today's business world through the use of empirical examples.

“One of the most important lessons the work world has to teach today is that ethical behavior will help you succeed,” said Sommer. “In the face of increasing corporate scandal, this knowledge is more important than ever before. Time and again history has proven the correlation between corporate ethics and financial success.”

While on campus, Sommer will also hold roundtable discussions with engineering student leaders and meet with engineering faculty members and university leadership to listen, learn and discuss the issues that are important to them.

He will address key points that include the future of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) industry. He will also review energy efficiency, sustainability and alternative career opportunities like technical sales.

About Sommer

Sommer is responsible for providing building owners and their influencers with energy-efficient HVAC systems and services. He has delivered economically and environmentally responsible solutions to colleges and universities, K-12 schools, industrials and other businesses throughout the state. He leads 150 sales, service and parts associates in delivering premier customer service.

Sommer is active in Indiana with industry associations including the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Building Owners and Managers Association, Association of Heating and Refrigeration Engineers (ASHRAE) and ACHE. Sommer earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Sommer's visit is part of Trane's “Engineering Better Careers, Engineering Better Environments” College and University Program. Through the program, senior executives collaborate with faculty and administrators to inspire the next generation of HVAC engineers.

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Trane executives visit campuses in person to educate students about real-world engineering and business issues and about the impact that engineering students can have today.

Throughout the school year, Trane continues to support students and faculty by enriching classroom curricula and creating clubs that encourage hands-on and experiential learning. Trane often offers software and lab equipment at reduced cost; guides development of classroom curricula, student projects and clubs; sponsors field trips to sales and manufacturing locations and offers student internships and limited scholarships.

Sommer is available for interviews upon request and appointment.

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About the University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame provides a distinctive voice in higher education that is at once rigorously intellectual, unapologetically moral in orientation, and firmly embracing of a service ethos. Founded in 1842 by a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame is an independent, national Catholic research university located adjacent to the city of South Bend, Indiana, with approximately 8,400 undergraduate students and 3,400 graduate and professional school students.

The Mendoza College of Business enrolls some 1,625 undergraduate students in four departments: accountancy, finance, management and marketing. Mendoza also offers graduate degree programs, including a master of business administration, executive master of business administration, master of science in accountancy and master of nonprofit administration. The college has been repeatedly recognized for its excellence in business ethics education.

About Trane

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