

BIOGRAPHY

William (Bill) A. Bowron, Jr.

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University of Alabama Hospitality Hall of Fame Inductee

William (Bill) Bowron, Jr. is Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive officer of Red Diamond, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama. Prior to his current role, Mr. Bowron was Vice President of Commercial Lending for Trust Company Bank of Savannah, GA and was Executive Vice President for AmeriBank, Savannah, GA.

Mr. Bowron is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University and he received his undergraduate degree from The University of Virginia.

He is extremely active in civic affairs as a board member of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, The Birmingham Business Alliance, and the Birmingham History Center. He is a member of the World Presidents Organization, and in 2009 was named the Executive of the Year for the Birmingham Business Journal.

In 2005, Mr. Bowron began supporting the Restaurant, Hotel and meetings Management program by providing two fully funded scholarships to support two RHM students with tuition and books for an entire year. In 2010 Mr. Bowron provided support to establish the Shila Bowron Leadership Series in honor of his mother. Due to his generous support, outstanding hospitality leaders now come to campus to speak to RHM students twice a year.