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### Notre Dame + KPMG = A Powerful Relationship

#### John Veihmeyer Named Notre Dame Alumnus of the Year

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Notre Dame is one of KPMG's 40 premier schools. There are approximately 220 Notre Dame alumni currently at KPMG, including our chairman-elect **John Veihmeyer**. In April, Veihmeyer was named Alumnus of the Year by the University of Notre Dame's Department of Accountancy in recognition of his contributions to the profession and his alma mater.

Veihmeyer started his career 33 years ago on the audit staff of the firm after graduating from Notre Dame. For the audience of nearly 150 alumni, accounting students and faculty gathered to honor him at the awards banquet in South Bend, Ind., there could have been no more appropriate role model for the profession.

According to H. Fred Mittelstaedt, the accountancy department chairman, Veihmeyer was chosen for Notre Dame's highest honor because of his professional achievements and service to the university. He currently serves on the Mendoza College of Business Advisory Board, and he previously served on the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary's College.

Through several firm-sponsored programs, KPMG continues to play a pivotal role in the development of young accounting professionals. The firm established the KPMG Endowed Chair in Accountancy at Notre Dame in 1999 through its annual matching gift campaign administered by the KPMG Foundation. The firm also supports the KPMG Faculty Fellowship for research and provides scholarships for fifth-year masters students.

In the last year, KPMG has sponsored about 40 events and initiatives including the Future Diversity Leadership and Fast Forward programs, the U.S. Case Competition, the Second Annual Diversity Conference and the Notre Dame Women in Business Conference, in addition to pre-interview receptions and interviews.

#### Return Engagement

Proving that there is life after college, KPMG will welcome 12 Notre Dame full-time hires and 25 interns in 2010. To recognize these outstanding students, Veihmeyer, along with National Managing Partner University Relations and Recruiting **Stacy Sturgeon**, and Campus Lead Partners **Dan Rahill** and **Tim Zanni**, returned to Notre Dame on April 21 for subsequent speaking engagements across the campus.

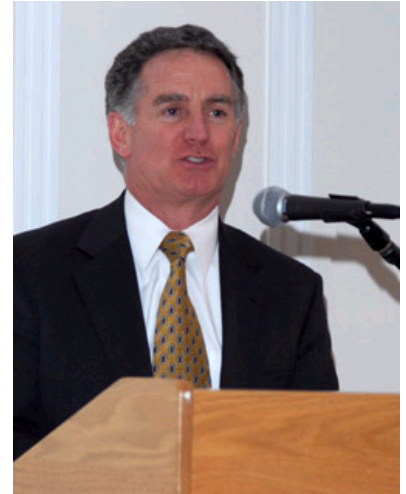
Following individual meetings with Mittelstaedt, senior University officials, Business School Dean Carolyn Woo, KPMG Professor Tom Schaefer and KPMG faculty fellow Sandra Vera-Munoz, the group hosted a faculty lunch and open roundtable discussion. The free flow of topics included a focus on the economy, the accounting profession and sustainability.

With an eye toward next summer's interns, they also hosted an informal reception for summer leadership students, sophomores and juniors who will visit KPMG offices this summer to learn more about the firm.

#### Words of Wisdom

The highlight of Veihmeyer's second trip was the Success Dinner, an annual event hosted in press box of the football stadium, where KPMG thanks Notre Dame faculty for their contributions and celebrates students who receive full-time employment and internship offers. Dan Rahill and Tim Zanni offered their perspectives on what makes KPMG unique.

During his remarks, Veihmeyer used his own educational roots and career experiences to remind students what a unique opportunity they have had at Notre Dame and how it will benefit them on the road ahead. His audience listened in rapt attention. While the average college student would have paid just to have dinner in Notre Dame Stadium, these students knew that getting career advice from the Alumnus of the Year and CEO and future Chairman of a Big Four Accounting Firm was priceless.



John Veihmeyer, Notre Dame Department of Accountancy Alumnus of the Year, speaks to students and faculty in South Bend.



From left: Tim Zanni, Stacy Sturgeon, Fred Mittelstaedt, Dan Rahill, John Veihmeyer and John Klinge attend annual Notre Dame Success Dinner.

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