



Kauffman Center
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Paul J. Schofer serves as the president and CEO of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, Missouri. As the performance home of the Kansas City Ballet, Kansas City Symphony, and Lyric Opera of Kansas City, the Kauffman Center hosts music, opera, theater, dance, lectures and other cultural presentations with local, national and international artists. Since its grand opening in September 2011, more than 1 million people from all 50 states in the United States, as well as several international countries have already attended an event at the Center.

Prior to his selection as president and CEO in June of 2014, Paul served as the Kauffman Center's vice president of operations and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). In that role, Paul strengthened financial and administrative controls for the Kauffman Center and oversaw several teams that help to fulfill the mission of the Kauffman Center including: patron services, theater operations, ticketing services and programming.

Paul moved to the Kauffman Center from Learfield Communications, where he served on its executive leadership team as senior vice president and CFO. While at Learfield Communications, Paul helped provide strategic direction and leadership for the organization's primary business of providing multi-media marketing services to more than fifty of the nation's top Division I athletic programs.

Prior to his tenure at Learfield, Paul worked at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, providing financial oversight for more than \$2 billion in assets as its CFO from 2004 to 2007. In addition, Paul held positions at Hallmark Cards, Inc., Marion Merrell Dow, Inc., and Price Waterhouse Coopers in the area of finance.

Paul is a Missouri native and received his undergraduate and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Missouri, Columbia. In addition, Paul has been deeply involved in the Kansas City area community, serving as vice president of the board for The Children's Place, completing the Centurions Leadership Program, and serving on the board of directors for Powell Gardens. He lives in Parkville with his wife and two children.