

USC Marshall School of Business Honors Bryan Kaltenbach of Food4Less/Foods Co as 2017 Food Industry Management Program Executive of the Year

Los Angeles, California, February 2017 -- The Food Industry Management Program at the USC Marshall School of Business will honor Bryan Kaltenbach, president of The Kroger Co.'s Food4Less/Foods Co Division, as the Food Industry Executive of the Year at its graduation banquet. The celebration will be held on the USC campus on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

“Mr. Kaltenbach is one of the true servant leaders in the food industry. His dedication and leadership in developing a culture of learning is highly recognized and respected. We are honored that Mr. Kaltenbach and his team at Food4Less/Foods Co partner with USC each year to develop the industry’s future leaders,” said Jim Ellis, Dean of the USC Marshall School of Business.

USC Marshall presents the FIM Executive of the Year award to a food industry executive who has shown extraordinary leadership while producing exceptional business results. For the past fifty-eight years, the FIM program has selected an outstanding leader who has provided outstanding direction for their companies, created successful strategies for the future, and have developed strong organizations.

Kaltenbach is president of The Kroger Co.'s Food4Less/Foods Co Division based in Los Angeles. He oversees 130 Food 4 Less/Foods Co stores that employ more than 10,000 associates in California, Indiana, and Illinois.

Kaltenbach began his career in the grocery industry in 1974 at Alpha Beta Markets. He joined Food4Less/Foods Co in 1994 and served in several leadership positions through the years, including store and district management, director of Store Operations and director of Sales & Marketing. In 2006, he was named senior vice president of Store Operations for Food4Less /



Foods Co. He also served as senior vice president of Sales and Marketing before being named to his current position in 2010.

Kaltenbach is a former president of the Food Industries Circle for the City of Hope. He was president & chairman of the Western Association of Food Chains in 2016 and currently serves as the Advisory Chairman of the WAFC Executive Committee. In addition, he supports several nonprofit organizations in Southern California.

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About the Food Industry Management Program: The Food Industry Management Program at USC's Marshall School of Business marked its 59th anniversary. Each year, 35 students are chosen from a wide range of companies in the food industry to participate in the elite semester long program. Each student accepted into the program receives a full tuition scholarship through the Western Association of Food Chains. Individuals selected must have proven records of management accomplishments with significant potential for future advancement.

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