

USC Marshall Food Industry Executive Program Names Smart & Final Executive Vice President Scott Drew 2019 Executive-in-Residence

LOS ANGELES, January 9, 2019 -- The USC Marshall School of Business Food Industry Executive Program (FIEP) has named Scott Drew, Executive Vice President of Smart & Final, which operates 324 grocery and foodservice locations in eight western states, as Executive-in-Residence for FIEP 2019. Each year, USC Marshall designates an Executive-in-Residence from nominees with exceptional leadership experience who will bring a valuable perspective and deep commitment to the food-industry-program attendees seeking professional development and inspiration.

“Each year we consider executives who are passionate about education and work as partners with the teams at USC and the WAFC to find a way for every employee to have a chance at getting an education,” said Cynthia McCloud, Director Food Industry Programs at USC. “Scott Drew is one of the true servant leaders in our industry whose passion for lifelong learning is exceeded only by his determination to help others grow.”

Drew is a seasoned executive with over 40 years of broad retail management experience. He began his career in the grocery industry in 1977 as a courtesy clerk and held various positions such as: Department Manager, Assistant Manager, Store Manager, District Manager, Vice President, and Senior Vice President. Drew began his current role as Executive Vice President of Operations for



Smart & Final in 2015 and is responsible for store operations, real estate, construction, loss prevention, and Mexico operations.

“I am humbled and grateful to serve as Executive-in-Residence this year,” said Drew. “Education is the foundation upon which we build our industry’s future. Programs like the FIEP are an integral part of our growth and continued success.”

Throughout his career, Drew has been committed to giving back to his community. That commitment continues today as he currently serves on the board of several charities, including the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation, the Western Association of Food Chains, City of Hope Food Industries Circle, and Olive Crest.

Drew’s hobbies include spending time outdoors with his family, golf, and sports. He and his wife Kelly, and their three children currently reside in Orange County.

The spring session of the Food Industry Executive Program (FIEP) will be held March 11-14, 2018 in Los Angeles. The fall session will be held September 16-19, 2019. Visit marshall.usc.edu/fiep for more detailed information and course schedule.

About the Food Industry Management Program at USC Marshall

The Food Industry Management Program at the University of Southern California’s Marshall School of Business was established in 1958. Each year, students attend either a four-day executive



program or a semester-long leadership program. The leadership program selects a maximum of 35 students from a wide range of companies in the food industry. Each student accepted into this elite program receives a full-tuition scholarship from the Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC). Individuals selected must have proven records of management accomplishments with significant potential for future advancement.

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