

Featured Alumna: Kelli KICKERILLO, Class of 1999



Commencement Speaker **Kelli KICKERILLO '99** is the Chief Executive Officer of Kickerillo Companies, a land development and homebuilding company founded by her father in 1957. Kelli has been involved in all aspects of the family business since she started with the company in 2003. She previously held positions as Chief Marketing Officer and Executive Vice President. She rose to her current role as CEO in 2020.

A native Houstonian, Kelli delights in the fact that she has remained in Houston since birth. Kelli holds a BBA in Marketing from the University of St. Thomas and is extremely active in the Houston community through her service and philanthropic work. She has served as the President of the Alumni Board at the University of St. Thomas and has also served on the University's Board of Directors.

Kelli has held numerous leadership roles with some of Houston's most esteemed charitable organizations. These include board positions with the Texas Heart Institute in Houston, and the Board of Advisors of the Retina Research Foundation. She has served as an Advisory Board Member for Texas A&M's Institute of Biosciences and Technology, as an Advisory Council member for Dress for Success Houston, and as an Advance Team Member at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Notably, Kelli followed in her father's footsteps by serving on the Board of Trustees for Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, further solidifying her commitment to education and her family's legacy of service to the community.

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Currently, she serves as Vice President of the Women's Auxiliary of Post Oak Little League and is set to become the President of the Women's Auxiliary and a board member in September of 2024.

Kelli lives in Houston with her husband, Todd Forester, who is an executive at Kickerillo Companies, and their son Kick Forester. When not on jobsites and working closely with her parents on current projects, Kelli can be found in the stands at one of her son's baseball games.