



## CCMS TO HONOR ALUMNUS KEN CAHALL, 2017-18 NFDA PRESIDENT; APPOINTS STEPHEN BITTNER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science will honor alumnus Ken Cahall, CFSP, CCO, at the beginning of his year as president of the National Funeral Directors Association during its November 18 CCMS Gala. Cahall, a distinguished 1974 CCMS alumnus and licensed funeral service practitioner, has been an active leader in funeral service, church and community for more than three decades, including serving as past president of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association. On November 1, Cahall will be installed as NFDA president during the association's International Convention & Expo in Boston. Cahall is the 11th NFDA president to hail from Ohio.

In addition to honoring Cahall, CCMS, the oldest mortuary college in the nation, will unveil its plans for Transforming Funeral Service Education by showcasing the college's shift to secure and cement its position as the undisputed leader and premiere deathcare educational institution. CCMS will also pay tribute to the three living past presidents of NFDA from Ohio, all CCMS alumni.

The Gala will be held at Paul Brown (Bengals) Stadium's East Lounge. Deathcare professionals from across the country will join in honoring Cahall and gather for an evening of great food, socializing, entertainment, fundraising and, of course, renewing friendships with classmates, friends and supporters of CCMS.

Visit [ccms.edu](http://ccms.edu) for more information and to make reservations.

In other news, Stephen E. Bittner, certified Catholic cemetery executive and certified cemetery executive, has been appointed to the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science Board of Trustees. Bittner is president of Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society (CCCS), which owns and operates St. John, St. Mary and St. Joseph cemeteries and manages two other cemetery properties and the selling for a third. He is also vice president of Catholic Family Security Association, an organization that promotes and sells final funeral expense insurance. Bittner has been employed by CCCS for 50 years. He has held the positions of superintendent of St. Joseph, St. Mary and St. John cemeteries, and CCCS business manager. He

was promoted to chief operating officer in January 1993 and elected to the CCCS Board of Directors in March 1995. Bittner was named CCCS president in January 1999.

Bittner remains involved at the state level, where he serves as past president of Catholic Cemeteries of Ohio and is presently a member of its Legislative Committee. He also served three terms for the governor on the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission, which helps regulate cemeteries.

Internationally, Bittner serves as president for the Catholic Cemetery Conference (CCC). He also teaches classes for CCC membership at the University of Notre Dame. Bittner is also a past board member of the International Cemetery and Funeral Association. In 1996, he was awarded the designations of CCCE and CCE by both international organizations.

Visit [catholiccemeteryconference.com](http://catholiccemeteryconference.com) to learn more about Bittner.

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