



Gordon Trafton
Former Railroad Executive

Gordon Trafton graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder Leeds School of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree in Transportation Management. He enjoyed a lengthy and successful career in the railroad industry before retiring in 2010. Prior to his retirement, Gordon's extensive railroad resume included leading a team of 6,800 employees in delivering transportation services that generated annual revenues of \$2.5 billion.

A firm believer in the importance of education and 'paying it forward,' Gordon's "retirement" activities currently include his emeriti role as Chairman of the Leeds School of Business Board of Alumni and Friends, and serving as a director of Canadian Pacific Railway Limited. It's no surprise that he was recently awarded the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (District VI).

In 2012, the Trafton family translated one of their primary philanthropic interests into action, making an investment that established the Leeds Mentoring Office and significantly expanding the Leeds School's Professional Mentorship Program (PMP). Today, Leeds mentoring programs partner more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students with over 1,000 professional, alumni, and student mentors. In addition, Gordon dedicates countless hours to his many mentees, including his ever-grateful co-presenter, Katy Herbert Kotlarczyk.