



The Board of Advisors of  
**THE TUCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
AT DARTMOUTH**

is pleased to award the 2021 Distinguished Achievement Medal to

**Daniel R. Revers T'89**

Last spring, when Dan Revers was thinking about the surge in student interest in the Nonprofit Board Fellows program he funds at Tuck, he said something telling. “When the world seems like it’s in a very difficult spot, people start to think about life differently. Where do you want to put your energy and focus? You think about what you can do to make the world better.”

Dan was, of course, referring to the coronavirus pandemic and its call to action. But one of the things that makes Dan such a wise and decisive leader is that he’s constantly thinking about how to better the world. Time and again, he has done this both in his professional life and in service to Tuck.

In the year 2000, Dan took a bold step that many Tuck alumni have taken: creating a new venture that was based on his experience, expertise, and a need in the world that he perceived. The firm he founded, ArcLight Partners, invests in energy infrastructure assets with a hands-on approach. Dan and his team provide sound management and guidance to the firm’s portfolio companies; in so doing, they help secure the reliable and sustainable energy necessary for the creation of jobs, income, and wealth around the globe. Importantly, his firm’s success is built on a longstanding recognition of the value of all its stakeholders: shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers, and the communities in which it operates.

Dan has also long recognized the value that the Tuck School creates for the world of business and beyond, a recognition manifested by his generous gifts of time, counsel, and resources. Since 2010, he has served on the MBA Council and then on the Tuck Board of Advisors. In these roles, he consistently brought his unique perspective and input in ways that inform Tuck’s activities. He opens our eyes to the world, making Tuck more externally oriented while also helping us appreciate the inimitable qualities of our own basecamp.

Starting in 2014, Dan took his commitment to Tuck even further, funding the Nonprofit Board Fellows program, which provides students the opportunity to serve as board members for local nonprofits. Through these opportunities, students gain the real-world experience of applying their MBA skills to the boardrooms of mission-driven organizations—while also building lasting relationships with community leaders. Popular since its inception in 2009, this program’s growth last year was a testament to its unprecedented importance for students and the organizations they serve. In 2020, the number of nonprofits in the program nearly doubled from 12 to 23, and



student participation more than doubled from 20 to over 40. Thanks in large part to Dan, Tuck students are realizing that effective board service is not a niche area, but rather a core skill of effective leaders across every sector.

The same year Dan funded the Nonprofit Board Fellows program, he also made a historic gift to found the Revers Energy Initiative and to fund the chaired Revers Professor of Business Administration, which is held by the world-renowned energy economist Erin Mansur. The Initiative sprang from Dan's observation of the energy sector's need for wise, decisive leaders who can manage with an awareness of pressures from climate change, sustainability, and technology. In 2016, inspired by the Initiative's success with student engagement and education, Dan endowed the program to create the Revers Center for Energy. Five years later, the Center has grown tremendously in impact and engagement. More than 40 percent of each Tuck class is involved with the Center, and nearly 100 Center Fellows have joined the energy sector—in addition to four of them graduating as Tuck Scholars and two as Julia Stell awardees. While those statistics are impressive, they don't convey the warmth and kindness that Dan brings to his role as a mentor for the Center's Fellows, who often speak of being inspired by his rare blend of technical understanding and community commitment.

In everything Dan has accomplished, he has sought to create value through innovation and synergies, and he understands that higher education needs to have that same aspiration. Dan's Center will continue to thrive at Tuck in the years ahead, and with the opening of the Irving Institute for Energy and Society later this year, there will be even more exciting ways for Dan to impact Tuck and all of Dartmouth.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the Tuck community, the Tuck Board of Advisors is pleased to honor Daniel R. Revers with the Tuck Distinguished Achievement Medal for 2021.

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