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Detroit Regional Partnership CEO inducted into Virginia Tech Alumni Hall of Fame

July 30, 2019 Detroit, MI –The Detroit Regional Partnerships President and CEO, Barry Matherly, was recently inducted into the Virginia Tech's School of Public and International Affairs Alumni Hall of Fame.

"It's an honor to be recognized in this way," said Matherly. "Economic Development has allowed me to work with amazing teams throughout the East Coast and Midwest to help communities grow and prosper."

For the past 25 years, Matherly has been driving initiatives on a city, county, regional, and university level. He is a past chair of the International Economic Development Council and is a member of the Economic Development Research Partners. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and is an institute instructor. Matherly completed his bachelor's degree at James Madison University and holds a master's degree from Virginia Tech University.

"In each place Barry has worked as an economic developer, he's helped the communities to grow their economies, to get more sustainable jobs for people," shared Gary Romano, President of Civitas Strategies in Boston who nominated Matherly for the hall of fame. "I can't think of a better person to induct to the hall of fame than Barry."

The Detroit Regional Partnership is a public-private economic development partnership focused on marketing and attraction for the 11-county Southeast Michigan region. Formed in 2019, the organization's mission is to create a best-in-class business development program that is capable of competing and winning against the world's top regions. They are part of the Southeast Michigan Ecosystem.

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