

R. Thayer Tutt, Jr.



R. Thayer Tutt, Jr. is Vice Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of El Pomar Foundation, one of the largest and oldest private philanthropic foundations in the Rocky Mountain West. He has been with El Pomar since 1983. El Pomar is a general-purpose foundation and a national leader in innovative grant making, operating many of its own programs focusing on excellence in individual and organizational leadership. In 2009, Mr. Tutt received the Business Citizen of the Year Award from the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. In 2013, he was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. In 2003, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Fountain Valley, and in 2014, he received the Lewis Perry award from the school recognizing him for his alumni leadership. In 2015, he received the Positive Impact Award for Extraordinary Collaboration & Leadership in Creating a Better Region from the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute.

Mr. Tutt is the Chair of the Investment Committee for the United States Olympic Endowment and serves on the Investment Committees for the Geological Society of America, Pikes Peak Community Foundation, and the Colorado College, where he also sits on the Board of Trustees. He is the Treasurer and Past President for the National Recreation Foundation Board, Chicago, Illinois. He sits on the Boards of Trustees for the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Foundation, the Colorado Springs Health Foundation, the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Foundation, the Olympic Museum, the Broadmoor World Arena, Colorado College, and The Hundred Club of Colorado Springs. He is Treasurer for The Air Force Academy Foundation. In addition, he is the President of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Foundation, Chairman of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Endowment and Past President of Penrose St. Francis Health Systems Board of Trustees.

He is President/CEO of The Garden City Company of Garden City, Kansas and serves on the Board of UMB Bank of Colorado.

Mr. Tutt is a Professional Member of The Financial Analysts Federation.

Mr. Tutt is a graduate of Princeton University with a BA in Geological and Geophysical Sciences (1977) and earned his Master's from Duke University Fuqua School of Business (1979). He and his wife Melani have two sons.

Tutt serves as El Pomar's lead trustee in the Southwest Region.