

Matt Gambs

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About Matt Gambs

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Matt Gambs has an extensive record of business success and currently serves as an executive at one of Chicago's largest regional banks. He is also a successful entrepreneur, founding Go Green Technologies Inc., a company that develops and invests in engine technologies that use a hydrogen extraction process as an alternative fuel source.

Matt is passionate about educational policy, because like so many youth today, he struggled to find early success in the public education system. Thankfully, his professional educators recognized some of his challenges and intervened to help him overcome what

was diagnosed as a case of dyslexia.

Matt followed his dreams and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after high school, where he served for six years before being honorably discharged. Like so many veterans, he was fortunate to be able to attend college through the GI Bill, and he graduated from Regis University in Denver, Col. where he studied economics and political science.

At the age of 33, Gambs was appointed to serve as President and CEO of Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, a local community bank. This experience helped him tremendously when he was asked to fix a troubled financial institution during the financial crisis of 2008 and 2009.

Gambs was asked to initiate a turnaround of Diamond Bank, which had run into trouble. The bank had run into issues for a variety of reasons that pre-dated Gambs' tenure as CEO, but mismanagement and poor financial oversight, combined with the financial collapse and credit crunch, strained the bank's balance sheet.

Gambs instituted a turnaround plan that removed existing management, self-reported compliance issues to its regulator, recapitalized the bank and **implemented a viable business plan**. After the turnaround was complete, Diamond Bank was purchased by one of Chicago's largest regional banks. This transaction was conducted without any federal guarantees or involvement, unlike many other financial institutions in Chicago and the nation.

During the financial crisis and bank turnaround, as a board member of the Independent Community Bankers Association, Gambs was invited to the White House to brief administration officials on the state of community banking.

Gambs is widely respected in financial and professional circles. **He serves as the volunteer Chairman of the Board at the Illinois Chamber of Commerce**, bringing together businesses of every size, sector and background to work on common issues. Gambs has also served on the boards of numerous business and professional organizations, and is a **member of the Executive Committee of the DuPage Business Council**.

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Gambs serves as a trustee of his alma mater, Regis University, where he studied economics and political science. His service on the board of trustees has made him well versed in issues in higher education management.

Community involvement is also a big part of the Gambs' family life. He is a past Chairman of the Heritage YMCA Group serving Aurora, and Naperville, where he was instrumental in creating the organization's computer center for children at risk. He has also volunteered as a coach for St. Raphael football and YMCA basketball, and he is the current Chairman of the Board of Trustees at All Saints Catholic Academy in Naperville

Matt and Chris Gambs have been married for 16 years and currently reside in Naperville with their sons Charlie and Mike.

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In addition to having the encouragement of many supporters of the campaign, I am honored to have received the endorsement of the Daily Herald. This paper has been on the forefront of exposing the challenges at the College, but they recognize it is important to bring problem solvers with a plan for improving the COD board. We're in the final stages of the campaign and look forward to finishing strong.

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Endorsement: Our choices for the College of DuPage board

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Calling the race for the College of DuPage board the "most electric" election in the suburbs this spring, the Daily Herald provides its assessment of the controversies at COD and explains its endorsements of three candidates to move the college forward.

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Yard signs? We are Milton Township and would like to have a few.

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The Daily Herald ran a good piece detailing candidates' plans for the troubled Waterleaf Restaurant. My plan is to immediately suspend all house and College accounts, while we build a plan for its future that puts students first. Let's not lose focus that the culinary program is there to help students get started on their careers. Read the article at: goo.gl/UJRF72

COD hopefuls suggest review, changes at Waterleaf

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