



# The McDermond Center Speaker Series: *Limitless: Nine Traits To Change Your Life Trajectory*

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Union Building Ballroom



## **Peter G. Ruppert '86**

*President & CEO, Fusion Education Group*

Pete is an innovative leader with a proven record of strong results in CEO, president and general management positions. His background includes high growth success in education and health care companies and multi-industry experience in the management-consulting sector. Pete holds a BA in Economics from DePauw University and an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Pete's previous education experience was as President of National Heritage Academies (NHA), an education management company in the for-profit charter school industry. He led the development of the company strategy and recruited the management team to grow NHA from a start-up to a leading company in the industry.

Revenues increased from \$5 million to \$215 million and during his eight years NHA became the first and only high growth company in the industry to achieve consistent and increasing profitability. His team grew the company from four schools and eighty employees in one state to fifty-one schools and 3,000 employees across five states. System-wide enrollment increased from 1,000 to nearly 28,000 students. NHA was on the INC 500 list of the fastest growing privately held companies four years in a row while under Pete's leadership.

Pete started his career with Procter and Gamble in various sales and sales management roles. He was the Founder and President of Landmark Consulting Group, a management consulting group. Most recently he was President and CEO of Forest Health Services, an industry leading specialty hospital chain with locations in several states across the nation.

Pete and his wife, Jessica, have four children. Pete enjoys golf, history, running and spending time with family. He is actively involved in the community and is on the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the East Grand Rapids School Board, and the DePauw University Board of Visitors.