



## Presents

### Derek V. Smith

Founder and Chairman, GivingPoint and The Game of Golf Institute

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LeCraw Auditorium, Scheller College of Business

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Derek Smith is the Founder and Chairman of GivingPoint, Inc., a not for profit organization designed to inspire a new generation of social entrepreneurs who seek to connect and serve others in today's technology-driven world. GivingPoint currently helps nearly 7,000 young people discover their philanthropic passion, create their giving profile, track their contributions, share their stories, and be rewarded with cash grants to fund their community projects. GivingPointers as a group have volunteered over 289,000 hours in service with a community impact of over \$5 million.

Mr. Smith is the former chairman and CEO of ChoicePoint Inc., a leading provider of decision-making technology and information that helped to reduce fraud and mitigate risk. In Smith's decade-long leadership of ChoicePoint Inc., annual revenues grew more than five-times from just under \$200 million to nearly \$1 billion. The company's share price grew more than 450 percent to a market cap that exceeded \$4.3 billion. In 2008, ChoicePoint was purchased by Reed Elsevier.

ChoicePoint had a unique workplace culture, recognized as one of the best places to work by local, regional and national organizations. This culture also gave birth to innovative products and services that helped recover more than one thousand missing children and the first national background screening service for nonprofit volunteers that has identified more than 200,000 convicted criminals attempting to work with children. The Maryland State Police used ChoicePoint's software to help locate the D.C. snipers. And in the weeks and months following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, ChoicePoint through its DNA lab, Bode Technology, was involved in the identification of the remains of victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

ChoicePoint's philanthropic initiatives and employee volunteer efforts garnered recognition and awards from groups as diverse as the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Center for Victims of Crime, and the HandsOn Network & Points of Light Foundation. In addition, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce acknowledged ChoicePoint with its Corporate Stewardship Award for the company's "dedication and attention to the needs of its customers, investors, employees and community."

Mr. Smith is the author of three books: "*A Purpose Under Heaven*," "*The Risk Revolution: Threats Facing Technology's Promise for a Safer Tomorrow*" and "*A Survival Guide in the Information Age*."

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