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Bachelor of Science 1969, Business Administration
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Don Kany has been an active member on the College of Business Advisory Board since 1985 and served as Chairman of the Board. He works tirelessly on behalf of the College of Business. Don is always supportive of ideas and strategies designed to improve the College of Business and brings his business expertise and concern for students to every discussion. Don is truly an enthusiastic volunteer whose actions make the College of Business a better place.

Don earned his B.S. in Business Administration in 1969 and his MBA in 1975, both at the University of Wyoming. He was recognized by the College of Business in 1976 as a Distinguished Alumnus and was the 2005 recipient of the College of Business Distinguished Service Award.

A lifetime member of the UW Alumni Association, Don was the founding Chairman of the UW National Ambassadors, a program supported by the University of Wyoming and designed to enhance visibility and outreach efforts to UW alumni and friends across the nation.

Don spent his first 25 years in banking, holding senior positions with First Interstate Bancorporation. He is currently a wealth manager and President of his family company KARKCO, LLC. Don has also served his community as past president of the Denver Botanic Gardens Board of Trustees and as a long-time Board Member of Colorado UpLIFT, an organization that mentors urban, at-risk youth. He also was President of the Metro Denver Saint Vincent de Paul Board, an organization with 28 locations serving neighbors in need of assistance with rent, utility bills, and clothing, followed by being appointed to the National Board of Directors in St. Louis. He is also a member of the Denver Rotary Club.

Together, Don and his wife Susan have shared a strong commitment to the University of Wyoming. Susan is an active volunteer on the University Libraries Development Board. They have two grown children, Michele and Thomas and three granddaughters, the eldest a 2018 graduate of UW.