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April Leadership Lessons Live to Feature Robert P. Restrepo

Columbus, Ohio — *Leadership Lessons Live*, a free community leadership forum provided by the Franklin University Leadership Center, will feature Robert P. Restrepo, Jr., Chairman, CEO and President, State Auto Insurance Companies, during the April forum. The April session of *Leadership Lessons Live* will be held Thursday, April 12 from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in Franklin University’s Ross Auditorium on the Main Campus, which is located at 301 E. Rich Street, downtown.

Restrepo will share his insight into leadership, change, challenges and opportunities. Lessons he learned as he became the first CEO to be hired from outside State Auto Insurance Companies – just after the company was named “best managed in its industry” by *Forbes*.

After graduating from Yale University with a degree in English in 1972, Restrepo joined Aetna Life and Casualty Company. He left the company in 1996 as Senior Vice President of Personal Lines to become President and Chief Executive Officer, Personal Lines, for St. Paul Travelers Companies, where he remained until 1998. From 1998 to 2004 Restrepo served Allmerica Financial Corporation, departing as their President and CEO. He then joined the Main Street America Group as Senior Vice President of Insurance Operations, where he remained until joining State Auto in February 2006.

The **Franklin University Leadership Center** serves as a valuable resource for individuals and organizations looking to identify and develop leadership talent throughout central Ohio. *Leadership Lessons Live* presents leadership development and networking opportunities for anyone interested in leadership. The forums are conducted the second Thursday morning of each month in Ross Auditorium. A continental breakfast is provided.

To attend this free session, attendees need only register online at leadership.franklin.edu, or call the Franklin University Leadership Center at 614-947-6888.

About Franklin University

Founded in 1902, Franklin University is central Ohio’s leading and most experienced educator of adult students. Annually, more than 10,000 students attend Franklin, both on campus and online. Franklin offers 18 undergraduate majors and three graduate programs, and graduates more than 1,500 students annually. Further information regarding Franklin University can be found at www.franklin.edu.

About the Franklin University Leadership Center

The Franklin University Leadership Center serves as both a catalyst and a major resource dedicated to raising the level of leadership in central Ohio. The Leadership Center serves organizations in the four sectors of business, community, government and education. Leadership resources and information can be found at leadership.franklin.edu.

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