

# EXECUTIVE MBA

CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2021

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Saturday, December 11, 2021  
Fourth Presbyterian Church | 126 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois

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*Processional*

**Faculty and Students**

*Welcome*

**Greg Haniffee**

Associate Dean, Degree Program and Operations

*Opening Remarks*

**Francesca Cornelli**

Dean, Kellogg School of Management

*Introduction of Convocation Speaker*

**Bernadette Birt**

Assistant Dean, Executive MBA Global Network

*Convocation Address*

**Milton M. “Chip” Morris ’92, ’04**

President and CEO, NeuSpera Medical

*Student Addresses*

**Amy Collette Dieschbourg ’21 (EMBA Cohort 122)**

**LaToya Mitchell Gipson ’21 (EMBA Cohort 123)**

*The J. Keith Murnighan Outstanding Professor  
Award in a Core or Advanced Course*

To be announced during ceremony

*Outstanding Professor in an Elective Course*

To be announced during ceremony

*Introduction of Graduates*

**Colette Feldges**

Director, Executive MBA Program, Evanston

**Steven Thompson**

Director, Executive MBA Program, Miami

*Awarding of Diplomas*

**Francesca Cornelli**

Dean, Kellogg School of Management

*Alma Mater Singer*

**Sara Beth Fink ’21 (EMBA Cohort 122)**

*Recessional*

**Faculty**

*Reception*

The Drake Hotel, Chicago

# CONVOCATION SPEAKER

## Milton M. “Chip” Morris ’92, ’04

**President and CEO, NeuSpera Medical**

Milton M. “Chip” Morris, PhD, joined NeuSpera Medical, a clinical-stage, privately held company, as its president and CEO in July 2015. Since then, Morris has led three successful institutional rounds of financing, enabling the NeuSpera program to experience steady growth and initial commercial approval of its ultraminiaturized neurostimulators. Prior to joining NeuSpera, Morris was the senior vice president of Research & Development and Emerging Therapies at Cyberonics (now LivaNova), where he assembled and led an R&D team that pioneered the first closed-loop vagus nerve stimulation device for epilepsy. Morris was employed by Guidant Corporation and its successor, Boston Scientific Corporation. During his tenure, he held several positions of increasing responsibility within Research & Development and Sales & Marketing, where he served as the Arrhythmia Franchise leader with responsibilities for both the implantable pacemaker and defibrillator businesses for the Cardiac Rhythm Management Division of Boston Scientific. Prior to joining Guidant, Morris spent five years working as a research assistant in the Medical Computing Laboratory at the University of Michigan in collaboration with the electrophysiology group at Michigan Medicine, formerly the University of Michigan Hospital, and the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute. During this period, Morris was awarded fellowships from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health in support of his research on the development of novel approaches to low power arrhythmia classification algorithms designed for implantable defibrillators. Morris is named as an inventor on more than 30 patents and an author on 20 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, abstracts and scientific presentations.

Morris is a fellow in the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, where he was inducted for contributions to developing and commercializing innovations in bioelectronic medicine.

Morris holds a master’s degree in business administration from the Kellogg School of Management, a master’s degree and PhD in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Northwestern University.

## OUR GRADUATES

## EMBA COHORT 122

Akshay Arora	Jack Horan	Alpana Prabhu
Jacob Thomas Bartnicki	Thomas Courtenay Hulings	Venkat Ramamurthy
Richie Bassi	Zahra Isani	Kaitlin Roe
Eric Landis Becker	Rohit Jayanandhan	Michael Rosen
Joel Benway	Stephanie Chin Joong	Brian Anthony Schiller
Mike Brown	Naheed Kamruddin	Karan Shrivastava
Hobert Bush III	Ali Zoaib Kapadia	Ruchi Singh
Andrew Cooper	Steven Christian Kavetsis	Rahim Slaise
Ben DeMong	Oliver James Kimberley	Rachael Elizabeth Speegle
Masato Den	Ronald Klinger Jr.	Sara Crown Star
Kevin Denison	Quinton Joel Krueger	Caroline Ann Taromino
Nimesh Sharad Desai	Laura Lucas Magnuson	Brienne Terril
Amy Collette Dieschbourg	Timothy Macal	Sneha Thakur
Jeffrey Robert Dingman	Michael James Martin	Laura Christie Quaintance Ullman
Brindha Dyer	David Martinez	Pavlo Vayda
Juan Estupinan	Mack Meas	Deepa Vijay
Buck Herman Evers	Shishir Misra	Robert Watson
Brendan Falls	Hope Mueller	Kyle Weckman
Sara Beth Fink	Ghulam Murtaza, MD	Alex Xavier Weishaar
Kelly Frankel	Joe Myhra	Weston T. Wiebe
Ajay Kumar Gautam	Modit Ohri	
Michelle Greene	Christopher R. Palmer	
Nick Herro	Surya K. Pandrangi	
Nina Kristine Hickland	Joshua Paolini	

## EMBA COHORT 123

Daniel Adeoye	Neil Gupta	Andrew L. Owens
Laura Aldrich	Conner Wyatt Herman	Brenda L. Piñeyrúa
Julio César Arzapalo Bello	Cassandra Erika Hooks	Rama Piratla
Diwakar Balachandran	Pedro Jurado Duran	James Pittman
Rohit Bhatheja, MD	Muhammad Ali Karawadia	Thamara Ramirez-Walker
Eduard Bouten	Benjamin Keime	Angel M. Rivera
Ryan Brown	Gaurav Khatri	Anne R. Vilaire
Pedro Antonio Dahdah	Megan Alyssa Lamparski	Reid Schupp
Manuel Alejandro De Peña	Anna Laniado	Daniel Stocker
Nizar Didarali	Patricio Llosa	Christopher Thomas
Michael Dowling	Igor Mikityansky	Prashanth Tirumalai
Javier Figueras	Robert Gary Mitchell	Mauricio Torres Martínez
Zachary Fuentes	Alfredo Montesinos Arce	Matthew Vacca
LaToya Mitchell Gipson	Aldo Motta	Eric B. Williams
Andrea Gunn	Manish Nayyar	

## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

### QUÆCUMQUE SUNT VERA

Quæcumque sunt vera,  
Proba, justa, mera,  
Omnia haec dona,  
Præbes nobis bona,  
Alma Mater cara,  
Benedicta, clara,  
Celsa in honore  
Nostro et amore! Amen.

Mater O benigna,  
Præstans tu et digna;  
Custos juventutis,  
Fida dux virtutis;  
Gratias agentes,  
Pie reverentes;  
Peni tus amamus  
Deo te mandamus.

### LEADER, GRADUATES AND GUESTS

Hail to Alma Mater,  
We will sing thy praise forever.

All thy sons and daughters,  
Pledge thee victory and honor.

Alma Mater, praise be thine,  
May thy name forever shine.

Hail to purple, hail to white,  
Hail to thee Northwestern.