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Family Business Dynamics – How Do You Prepare the Next Generation to Lead?

Columbus, Ohio – Preparing and integrating the next generation of leaders into the business can be one of the most challenging issues a family business can face. The Conway Center for Family Business will host an educational program for family business leaders to discuss this topic on May 15 at Ohio Dominican University.

Organizational psychologist, Thaddeus O'Brien, Ph.D., will moderate a panel discussion about the opportunities and pitfalls of bringing children into a family business. The panel will include three family business owners who will talk about their approach to creating a path to successful integration: Chris Converse, of Converse Electric, will discuss what he and his dad and sister learned through the company's leadership transition; Mark DeBellis, owner of Suburban Steel Supply, will talk about his efforts to get his son ready for leadership through mentoring; and Steve Ulrey, President of Flyers Pizza, will lay out steps he and his brothers are taking to get their children ready for a role in the highly competitive pizza business.

The Conway Center program, "Family Dynamics: An Inside Look at Parent/Child Relationships in Family Businesses," presented by KeyBank, will be held from 7:30-9:00 a.m. on May 15, 2014 at Ohio Dominican University's Alumni Hall, 1216 Sunbury Rd., Columbus, OH 43219.

To RSVP, please contact Heather Howell at <u>admin@familybusinesscenter.com</u> or 614-253-4820. The program is free for members and \$35 for non-members.

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ABOUT THE CONWAY CENTER

The <u>Conway Center for Family Business</u> is Central Ohio's resource for educational programs, resources and networking opportunities to support the growth and success of family-owned businesses. The Center celebrates the successes of family-owned businesses at its annual awards program and offers peer group opportunities for next-generation leaders, family business leaders, and women family business owners. The organization includes more than 150 family-owned businesses from Central Ohio that collectively employ more than 10,000 individuals.