

Steve Kiefer to Lead GM's Global Powertrain Operations

Steve Kiefer will join GM effective Sept. 1 to lead its Global Powertrain Operations.

Kiefer, 50, has served in a variety of engineering and leadership roles over his career at both GM and Delphi and brings extensive engine development expertise and knowledge of the global auto business, said spokesperson Renee Rashid-Merem.

Kiefer has served as a company senior vice president and president of Delphi's Powertrain Systems since 2011.

"As GM continues to bring new vehicle engine and drivetrain technologies and innovations to the marketplace, Steve's customer perspective, technical expertise and proven leadership will further bolster our global powertrain team," said Mary Barra, executive vice president, Global Product Development & Global Purchasing and Supply Chain.

Kiefer will have overall responsibility for GM's global powertrain engineering activities, reporting to Mary Barra. Jim Lanzon, vice president, Powertrain Global Transmissions, will continue to lead the company's transmission development and engineering activities, reporting to Kiefer, Rashid-Merem said.

His company biography stated that Kiefer served as vice president of Delphi Thermal Engineering from 2009 to 2011; vice president and managing director of Delphi European Operations in Luxembourg from 2005 to 2008; and business line executive of Delphi Engine Management Systems from 2001 to 2004.



Steve Kiefer

Grant Expands MCC Arts

The Page to Stage program at Macomb Community College (MCC) will expand thanks to a \$25,000 grant.

The money comes from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan to help the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts expand the school's Page to Stage efforts.

The program presents curriculum-linked stage adaptations of significant works of American literature to students.

Page to Stage, which began in 2009, brings literature to life for students by creating theatrical productions featuring characters taken from history and great books.

The productions, which star professional actors, give voice to words on the page and inspire young people to find their own voices.

The shows offer study guides for teachers to use in their classrooms, and most performances feature a question-and-answer session with actors.

The program has been praised by educators as a way to connect kids to literature in a way that makes an important impact.

"It is programs like Page to

Stage which bring to life the literature and history we study," Erin E. Brokenshire, a teacher with Westwood New Tech High School in Dearborn Heights, said after a 2012 performance. "The impact will stay with my students for a long time."

Additional funding for the program is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, ArtWorks, The Kresge Foundation, Target, the Macomb Community College Foundation and individual donor Julius Cicchini, owner of Troy-based Knight Construction.

The funding allows the Macomb Center to offer a significantly reduced student ticket price of \$5 and present a meaningful student field trip option that complements and expands classroom activities.

"If you don't open up the door to our youth," asks Cicchini, "how are they ever going to open up the door to the world?"

The expansion of Page to Stage is expected to double the program's reach to 7,000 students from pre-K through college age, with the Macomb Center presenting 14 performances of eight titles.

Prior roles include senior project engineer at GM's Milford Proving Grounds, assistant staff engineer at Delphi's Powertrain division in Luxembourg, and chief engineer for Asia Pacific. Kiefer began his career in 1983 as a college cooperative student with GM North American Car Group and spent several years in engineering roles with GM Powertrain.

"The collective expertise and experience of Jim and Steve brings a new dynamic to the Powertrain team.

Together, they will lead the global team and work to

strengthen GM's position as an industry leader in powertrain technology," Barra said.

Kiefer will be based at GM's Powertrain headquarters in Pontiac, Rashid-Merem said. As a Michigan native, he will play an active role representing GM in Detroit-area philanthropic and civic activities.

Kiefer has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University and engineering studies at RWTH Aachen University in Germany, Rashid-Merem said.

Additionally, he holds a master's degree in business adminis-

tration from the University of Michigan.

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