

CZECH HONORED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

2021 ARMED FORCES GROUP DINNER

Stephen J. Czech (Class of 1998) was named the annual Guest of Honor at the 2021 Booth Armed Forces Dining Out event held on November 6, 2021, at Chicago's Metropolitan Club.

"Steve's successful career post-Booth, alongside his ongoing, countless efforts to empower military veterans, including providing Navy SEALs with scholarships at Booth, made him the perfect honoree for us."¹

According to Steve Czech, "The U.S. Armed Forces and their families sacrifice everything, every minute of every day they serve. My family's support of their efforts is a small token of our appreciation for the service and sacrifice of these great warriors and their families. None of us could do what we do were it not for the service and sacrifice of these great warriors and their families."

Booth Dean Madhav Rajan shared these words of appreciation to Steve Czech: "I want to congratulate Steve on being selected as the 2021 honoree and keynote speaker for the Chicago Booth Armed Forces Group Dining Out event and thank him for accepting this important role. Steve's continued support of and engagement with our veteran MBA students and alumni is greatly appreciated!"

About Stephen J. Czech: Steve Czech has over 32 years of credit and corporate finance experience as well as a long record of establishing and running direct lending credit funds. His experience includes sourcing, structuring, underwriting, monitoring, and restructuring corporate loans. Prior to forming Czech Asset Management, L.P., Steve was employed by several prominent firms, including Morgan Stanley, Credit Suisse Group AG, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette ("DLJ") and Banc of America Securities LLC. Czech and his family are significant donors to, and advocates of, causes related to: (i) terminally-ill children, (ii) active-duty and retired Navy SEALs and their families; (iii) first-responders (i.e.: Police, Fire and EMTs); (iv) tradesman (ie: carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, contractors, welders, pipefitters, riggers, and hospitality industry workers); and (v) scholarships for underprivileged high-school students throughout the United States. Czech is the founder and Co-Chairman of The Mikey Czech Foundation, a lifetime member of The Navy SEAL Foundation National Leadership Council, a member of the Advisory Board of The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, a Laureate member of the Dean's Society of The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, a member of Villanova University's President's Club & Parents Executive Committee, a member of the Aesclepian Society of Harvard / Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and a member of the Harvard / Dana-Farber Presidential Visiting Committee for Pediatric Oncology. Czech received a B.S. from Marquette University and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

About Czech Asset Management, L.P.: Czech Asset Management, L.P., with approximately \$5.0 billion of capital under management since inception, is a Greenwich, CT-based direct lending investment advisory firm engaged in providing privately negotiated, asset-based and cash-flow first and second lien secured floating rate senior secured loans primarily to U.S. middle market companies.

1. This statement was made by a non-client for no compensation.

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The University of Chicago Booth School of Business is one of the leading business schools in the world. The school's faculty includes many renowned scholars including nine Nobel Prize winners, and its graduates include many business leaders across the U.S. and worldwide. The Chicago approach to management education is distinguished by how it leverages fundamental knowledge, its rigor, and its practical application to business challenges. Chicago Booth offers a Full-Time MBA Program, an Evening MBA Program, and a Weekend MBA Program, as well as an Executive MBA Program in Chicago, London, and Hong Kong. The school also offers a Ph.D. program, open-enrollment executive education and custom corporate education.