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## Former Waterloo man earns top spot at Deere

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WATERLOO --- A Waterloo native has been named to one of the top positions with Deere & Co.

Michael J. Mack Jr. has been named senior vice president and chief financial officer with Deere, company officials announced Thursday. It is a senior officer position with the company. He had served as treasurer since June 2004.

Mack, 49, is a 1975 graduate of Columbus High School in Waterloo and of Iowa State University.

Mack began his career at the John Deere Des Moines Works in 1978 as an engineer while attending Iowa State. Following graduation, he worked as a research and development engineer for Hewlett-Packard.

After returning to John Deere in 1986, he held a variety of positions in information systems, corporate finance, international finance, business development, strategic planning, product engineering, purchasing and as a factory manager.



**Michael Mack**

In 1999, he was named vice president of marketing and sales for Deere's Worldwide Commercial & Consumer Equipment Division, formerly known as lawn and grounds care.

He was named a senior vice president in February 2001, responsible for the division's marketing, sales, order fulfillment, finance, information systems, and e-business activities worldwide.

Mack serves on the board of the Figge Art Museum in Davenport and the Iowa State University Engineering College Industrial Advisory Board.

Mack's namesake father, of Waterloo, is the retired longtime director of the John Deere Product Engineering Center in Cedar Falls.

In 1971, Mack, then 14 and a crossing guard at St. Edward's School in Waterloo, won state and national lifesaving awards and recognition for saving 10-year-old Beth Sand from being struck by a car at the Kimball Avenue school crossing.

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