

## **Chad A. Jester**

### **Vice President, Corporate Public Involvement**

### **Nationwide**

Chad Jester is Vice President of Corporate Public Involvement for Nationwide. He was elected to that position in August, 2004. Nationwide is a \$117 billion Fortune 500 international insurance and financial services company based in Columbus, Ohio.

Chad joined Nationwide in 1992 and has worked as their Community Relations Manager and Public Affairs Officer. Prior to joining Nationwide, Jester served six years with the City of Columbus on the staff of former Mayor Dana G. "Buck" Rinehart, and as legislative aide to former City Council member and current Ohio Lt. Governor Jennette Bradley.

Jester is a member of numerous business, civic, non-profit and government organizations. These include the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Board of Directors; the Experience Columbus Board of Directors; and the Leadership Columbus Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Franklin County Levy Review Committee; the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee and ColumbusAmerica Executive Committee and Cabinet; and the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation Advisory Committee.

Previously, Jester served as the Board Chair of Experience Columbus from 1997-1999; and was a founding member of the Columbus Zoo's Young Professional Board serving as Board Chair from 1997-1998. Additionally, he served on the project team supporting Ohio Governor Bob Taft's Governor's Commission on Teaching Success, which concluded its work in February 2003.

Jester earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Nationwide is one of the largest insurance and financial services companies in the world and offers a broad range of personal and commercial and long-term savings products. Nationwide, which includes the country's seventh-largest property-casualty insurance group, ranks 111<sup>th</sup> in total revenue on the Fortune 500 list. In addition, Nationwide Life Insurance Company, the major subsidiary of Nationwide Financial, ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in assets according to A.M. Best.