

**Daniel E. Berry**  
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**Visiting Executive, Workforce, Community and Economic Development Division, Cuyahoga Community College**

Daniel E. Berry retired from the Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network in June 2015 after serving as President and Chief Executive Officer since 2009. In recognition of his service, upon his retirement, the MAGNET Board of Directors named him *President Emeritus* and elected him as a member of the Board.

As an affiliate of the federal and state-funded Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), MAGNET helps small-to-mid-sized manufacturing companies become more competitive and grow by providing consulting services on top line growth issues and bottom line efficiencies. Under Berry's leadership, MAGNET also worked with other partners to address the workforce and talent needs of manufacturers and mounted a major initiative known as PRISM (*Partnership for Regional Innovation Services to Manufacturers*) to help small-to-mid-sized manufacturers grow through innovation.

While at MAGNET, Berry was twice selected by *Crain's Cleveland Business* as one of the Power 150, those individuals in Northeast Ohio who are in a position to help move the region forward. Shortly before his retirement, Berry hosted President Barack Obama for a visit at MAGNET to review work that the organization had done with manufacturing clients in its role as an MEP affiliate.

In May 2016, he was appointed by Cuyahoga Community College President Alex Johnson as Visiting Executive. His assignment in that capacity is to work with the Workforce, Community and Economic Division (WCED) to help strengthen the college's connections with companies on workforce-related services and its partnerships with other organizations working the areas of workforce, community and economic development.

Prior to joining MAGNET, Berry was with the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) for 13 years and was serving as executive vice president when he left with responsibilities for strategy, board and member relations and marketing. Previously, he worked for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association which he joined in 1995 initially as vice president to head up the Jobs and Workforce Initiative. He moved on to become senior vice president for strategic integration and, in that capacity, in 2004, helped manage and conclude the merger negotiations with Cleveland Tomorrow and the Greater Cleveland Roundtable that created the GCP. In his capacities at GCP and the Association, Berry helped with planning for the creation of organizations such as Team NEO and MAGNET.

Before the Growth Association, Berry spent 13 years with The George Gund Foundation and was serving as associate director when he left the organization. At the George Gund Foundation, he oversaw economic development and civic affairs grant making that helped build organizations such as Neighborhood Progress Inc. and the Great Lakes Science Center. Berry also worked with The Charles F. Kettering Foundation in Dayton, Ohio where he was urban affairs program associate from 1979-1981. While at the Kettering Foundation, he helped manage two national demonstration programs—the Negotiated Investment Strategy and the City Council Capacity Building project—and was the U.S. staff leader for the International Network of City Managers.

Berry holds a Doctorate in Management from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University and earned both a B.A. and M.A., both in political science, from Kent State University. He has served on the boards of numerous organizations such the Ohio Donors

Forum, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board, and NewBridge. In addition to MAGNET, he presently serves on the board of Vocational Guidance Services, the Cleveland State University Research Foundation and the Tri-C WCED Board of Visitors.