

Benjamin J. Davenport Jr.

Mr. Benjamin J. Davenport Jr. currently serves as Chairman of both First Piedmont Company and Davenport Energy. He grew up in Chatham, Virginia and graduated from Virginia Tech in 1964 with a degree in business. His father, Benjamin J. Davenport, Sr., founded Davenport Energy in 1941. Mr. Davenport Jr. joined the company and helped grow it from a small oil company into a large petroleum provider with 7 regional offices and more than 21,000 customers throughout Southern Virginia and North Carolina. Mr. Davenport has remained loyal to Virginia Tech throughout his life. In May, Virginia Tech awarded him the William H. Ruffner Medal for his distinguished service to the school. He was recognized for his generous donations to the school and his time on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, the Virginia Tech Foundation Board, and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Board of Directors, among others. Mr. Davenport is also a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation.