



## CLASS OF 2019

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### **Rick Kearney**

Rick Kearney is Chairman and Founder of Mainline Information Systems, Inc. which is headquartered in Tallahassee and employs over 400 people. Mainline is IBM's largest and most successful IT Solution Provider and was crowned in 2019 as IBM's "Company of the Year". Mainline continues to be recognized as one of Florida Trend Magazines' Top 100 largest and most profitable privately held companies in the state.

Collectively, Rick owns or has interest in many other companies across multiple industries, including Innovatech Engineering (nanocellulose research and product development), Submersible Systems (breathing systems design and engineering) Summit Group Commercial Properties (real estate development, leasing and sales) Staybridge Suites Hotel I-10 East, and several restaurants located in north Leon County.

Rick possesses a strong sense of community and contributes annually to hundreds of local nonprofit organizations, both individually and through his businesses. These endeavors focus on people who have been disenfranchised from the mainstream. The goal is to offer them desirable, affordable housing, good health and restored hope in themselves and others.

His contributions include funding the construction and startup costs for The Kearney Center, a comprehensive emergency services center - Westgate Community, a transitional and affordable housing community, as well as The Dwellings, a sustainable housing community for the financially, socially, or medically disadvantaged.

Watch the video presented at the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Claude Walker speaking on behalf of Rick Kearney [HERE](#).