



Educator, ex-Cummins CEO honored by Daniels Leadership Foundation

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Educator Earl Martin Phalen and former Cummins [CEO](#) and Chairman Tim Solso were honored Thursday as the first recipients of awards from the Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation.

Phalen, CEO and founder of the Summer Advantage USA and Reach Out and Read programs, as well as the founder of the Phalen Academy charter school in Indianapolis, received a \$50,000 grant.

Solso, who retired from Cummins in 2011 after 11 years with the company, is the first recipient of the Daniels Prize.

Beginning this year, the Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation will biennially award a Daniels Prize to one Indiana leader and a grant of at least \$50,000 to a person or organization doing work that moves the state forward.

The foundation was created in honor of former Gov. Mitch Daniels, now president of Purdue University, to encourage leaders who promote progress in Indiana.

Solso's honor includes a bronze custom-made sculpture.

The awards were given at a dinner Downtown at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.



Tim Solso, former chairman and CEO of Cummins Inc., on Oct. 24, 2013, was named the inaugural recipient of the Daniels Prize. / File