



## **Kim B. Williams**

Kim B. Williams helped put Tallahassee Community College on the map when it comes to advanced manufacturing training.

Kim's parents, Hugh and Marie Williams, bought Marpan supply and recycling in 1967. Soon after, Kim started working at the business and attending TCC part-time. Even in those early days, Kim understood that the success of his own enterprise could not be separated from the success of the whole community. That's why he eventually found himself at the forefront of economic and workforce development in Tallahassee and Leon County.

Kim knew that in order to build a vibrant manufacturing sector, our region needed a place where manufacturers could train their workforce. And he knew that Tallahassee Community College could be that place.

As chair of the Economic Development Council, Kim threw his energy into helping TCC develop an advanced manufacturing center. Kim, along with William Boyette and Ken Sweeney, also led the public/private partnership that allowed TCC to renovate an old warehouse on Pensacola Street to meet the requirements of the new high-tech manufacturing center.

Then, in 2016, Kim and his Pensacola Street Partners made an even greater investment in our college and community by making a gift valued at \$1 million to boost TCC's advanced manufacturing programs.

The Kim B. Williams Advanced Manufacturing Center is truly a legacy of Kim's vision and dedication.