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Provost & Executive Vice President
Case Western Reserve University**



Dr. William A. Baeslack III was appointed Provost & Executive Vice President at Case Western Reserve University on October 1, 2008. Dr. Baeslack came to Case Western Reserve University from The Ohio State University, where he served as dean of the College of Engineering and Executive Dean of the Professional Colleges.

Baeslack, a native of greater Cleveland, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State, and went on to earn a doctorate in materials engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He spent 17 years at Ohio State, serving as a faculty member, department chair, associate dean and interim university vice president of research before becoming dean of engineering at RPI in 1999. He returned to Ohio State in 2004 as Dean of Engineering. Prior to joining the OSU faculty in 1982, he was employed as a technical area manager at the Air Force Materials Laboratory. In 1989-90, Baeslack spent a sabbatical leave in the materials department at The Welding Institute in Cambridge, England. He is a fellow of ASM International, the Welding Institute and the American Welding Society.

Baeslack is internationally recognized for his research on the materials science and engineering aspects of joining advanced materials, including titanium, aluminum and nickel-base alloys, intermetallics and metal-matrix composites. He has received more than \$5 million in grants from the Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, the Ohio Edison Program, national laboratories and industry. He and his students have written more than 150 journal and proceedings articles. Baeslack has selectively consulted for several aerospace and other high technology companies.

Baeslack has actively contributed to professional societies and has chaired major committees in ASM International, AWS, and the Welding Research Council. He is a professional engineer in Ohio, and a member of the National Societies of Professional Engineers. During 2004-05 he served as NSPE vice president and chair of the Professional Engineers in

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As a development engineer and senior materials scientist and reserve officer assigned to the Materials Directorate at the Air Force Research Laboratory from 1982 to 2003, Baeslack performed research on advanced material processing, provided DoD-wide consultation on aerospace materials, and promoted technology transfer from the Air Force to industry.