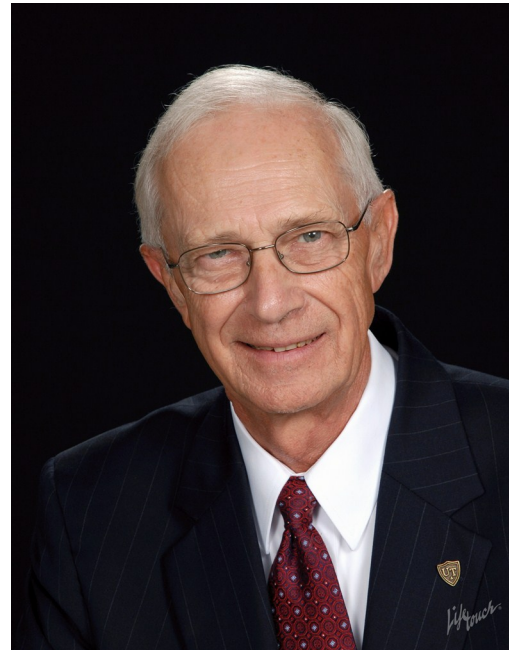


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Founder and CEO (Retired)
Koester Corporation
Past Interim CEO
American AG Fuels, LLC**



Mr. Koester is founder and retired CEO of Koester Corporation, a professional engineering and industrial automation manufacturer as well as founder and former executive of Koester Metals, Inc., a steel fabricator. He continues to serve industrial clients as a professional electrical engineer and business consultant. He was appointed to The University of Toledo Board of Trustees in 2004 for a nine year term. Mr. Koester has served as Board Secretary, Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee, Chairman of the Clinical Affairs Committee, Board vice Chair and Board Chair. In addition, Mr. Koester was past interim CEO of American Ag Fuels, LLC, a 5,000,000 gallon per year bio-diesel fuel producer in Defiance, Ohio.

A 1960 UT graduate with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, he is a licensed professional engineer registered in Ohio and four other states. In 1997, he was honored by UT's College of Engineering as one of its distinguished alumni and in 2008 with the UT Alumni Association's Gold T Award as Alumnus of the Year. In 2011 he was the recipient the Leadership Award from Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce for his business and community work.

His memberships include the national, state and local Societies of Professional Engineers, the American Foundry Society, the Association of Energy Engineers, the Defiance Area Foundation where he serves as treasurer, Rotary International, and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Defiance.

He has previously served as a trustee and board chair of the Defiance Hospital, a member of the Defiance College Board of Trustees, vice chair of UT's Center for Family Business, chair of the Defiance City Utilities Study Committee, member and chair of St. Mary's Defiance School Board, founding member of the Defiance City School's Foundation, and founding member of the Defiance City Schools Academic Boosters.

Mr. Koester is currently serves on the UT Medical School Advisory Board, The UT Center for Family and Privately Held Business Advisory Board, the board of the UT Science, Technology & Innovation Enterprise, and the Defiance 2100 ad hoc group promoting economic development. A native of Toledo, Mr. Koester has worked and lived in Defiance, Ohio since 1961. He and his wife, Carol have four children and 11 grandchildren.