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Two DFW Area Mayors are 2008 Graduates of UT Arlington's Executive MBA Program

(Arlington, MAY 11, 2009) John Terrell and Maher Maso, both December 2008 graduates of the University of Texas at UT Arlington's Executive MBA program, share a commitment for public service. Terrell, Vice President of Commercial Development for DFW International Airport and Maso, Vice President of Maso Asset Management, both served for years as city council members in their respective cities. On May 9, 2009, Terrell was elected Mayor of Southlake, joining Maso, recently elected Mayor of Frisco, as UT Arlington's EMBA's second graduate to become mayor

Both men credit UT Arlington's EMBA program as part of the inspiration that drove them to run for office. "The EMBA education helped me to be a better mayor" says Maso, citing the opportunities the program gave him to combine academic knowledge with real world experience.

Terrell commented that "the unique China immersion program offered by the EMBA program gave me a global worldview that added value to my professional and political career."

Jim Ellis, Executive Director of UT Arlington's EMBA program said that "both Terrell and Maso showed exceptional leadership skills as EMBA students ... I am not surprised to see them both lead major municipalities."

The 2008 UT Arlington EMBA class was composed of 30 students from a variety of disciplines. Terrell and Maso did not know one another prior to joining the program but soon became each other's supporters.

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About the University of Texas at Arlington's EMBA Program:

UT Arlington's DFW Executive MBA Program is the only 15-month, classroom-based business school EMBA program in the state of Texas. In addition, it is the only Texas program with a large China EMBA connection and the only Texas program offering a graduate certificate in Asian Business Studies. The program is AACSB internationally accredited. Courses are offered on alternating weekends in downtown Fort Worth at the Executive Education Center.