

Jacki Summerson

Jacqueline (Jacki) McQuillan Summerson grew up outside Clearwater, Kansas, graduating as valedictorian from Clearwater High School in 1964. She attended Kansas State University for two years before transferring to Washburn University where she received a bachelor of arts in mathematics and physical sciences in 1968. In 1967, Summerson married Frank T. Summerson, who passed away in 2010, and together they established roots in Topeka.

Summerson's senior year at Washburn, she began her career in computer science and after graduation taught an evening computer class at Washburn University 1969-70. For two years she worked in the computer department at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City. Summerson returned to Topeka, as project leader of Medicare systems in the computer department at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. In 1980, she took a job with Ken Orr & Associates, a systems design consulting firm, and was a vice president until 1988.

She and Frank purchased the Manpower franchise in the Topeka area in December of 1987. In 1993, Summerson was instrumental in forming AMIC (AMFO Members Insurance Company), a captive insurance company for all U.S. Manpower franchises to self-insure themselves for workers' compensation. They expanded the business adding additional franchise operations in Wichita; Springfield, Missouri; and East Texas owning nearly 43 offices. In 1990, they started Professional Security, Inc. and in 1995, PSI Armored, Inc. After a successful career they sold Professional Security, Inc. and PSI Armored, Inc. in 2006 and Manpower franchises in 2008.

She is the past president of AMIC and served as a board member. Summerson also served on the Human Resources Committee of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry for many years.

Summerson joined the Washburn University Foundation Board of Trustees in 2011 and serves on the investment committee. She created an estate gift to support professorships and chairs across all academic units at Washburn in addition to the Jacqueline Summerson Fund for Excellence and the Frank & Jacqueline Summerson Athletic Business Scholarship Fund.