

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



With a career spanning more than 30 years in the cruise industry, Alan Buckelew has served as chief executive officer of Princess Cruises since June 2007 and as the line's president since February 2004. As head of one of the best-known brands in the industry, Buckelew oversees a worldwide cruise and tour company featuring a fleet of 17 modern ships that sail on a diverse array of itineraries to all seven continents. Princess Cruises is part of Carnival Corporation & plc, one of the largest leisure travel companies in the world.

In addition to his role overseeing the Princess brand, Buckelew also served as chief operating officer for Cunard Line from 2004 to 2007, as part of a reorganization of that company's operations.

His wide-ranging job roles at Princess, and before that at Sitmar Cruises, have given Buckelew a breadth of experience across the company's operations. Prior to his appointment as president, Buckelew served from 2000 to 2004 as executive vice president of corporate services for Princess, with responsibility for the company's strategic planning, marketing and yield management functions. Before that, Buckelew held the positions of senior vice president of corporate services, senior vice president of customer service, senior vice president of corporate services and yield management, chief information officer, and chief financial officer.

Buckelew, who began his career as a financial analyst, joined Sitmar Cruises in 1977 as manager of management information. Rising through the ranks of the company with increasing responsibility for a wide array of areas, he served as Sitmar's director of corporate services, vice president-controller, and senior vice president of corporate planning. He headed the company's reservations and data processing departments when Sitmar was acquired by Princess in 1988.

Born in Long Beach, California, Buckelew holds an MBA and bachelor's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. He resides in Los Angeles with his wife, Christine, and two daughters.

