



Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

CHRIS WOMACK

*Chairman, President and CEO
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ABOUT OUR GUEST

Chris Womack is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Southern Company, one of the nation's leading energy providers serving 9 million customers and businesses nationwide with electric utilities in three states and natural gas distribution utilities in four, as well as providing wholesale energy, customized distributed energy solutions and fiber optics and wireless communications across the country.

Under his leadership, Southern Company and its subsidiaries are leading producers of clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy, and leading innovators in the energy industry. From new nuclear to the deployment of electric transportation and renewables, the company is helping build the future of energy. Prior to his current role, Chris served as chairman, president and CEO of Georgia Power.

A native of Greenville, Alabama, Womack joined Southern Company in 1988. Since then, he has served as executive vice president and president of external affairs for Southern Company where he led overall external positioning and branding efforts including the company's public policy strategies, governmental and regulatory affairs, and corporate communication initiatives. Chris has also served as executive vice president of external affairs at Georgia Power, senior vice

president and senior production officer of Southern Company Generation, senior vice president of human resources and chief people officer at Southern Company, as well as senior vice president of public relations and corporate services at Alabama Power.

Prior to joining Southern Company, Womack worked as a legislative aide for former U.S. House Representative Leon E. Panetta and as staff director for the Subcommittee on Personnel and Police for the Committee on House Administration.

Womack is co-chair of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Customer Solutions Policy Committee and a member of the board of directors of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), Invesco Ltd. and the Georgia Ports Authority. He is past chair of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, past chair of the board of the East Lake Foundation and is on the national board of The First Tee. Womack has chaired the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau board, the Atlanta Sports Council and the board for Communities in Schools of Georgia.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from The American University and completed the Stanford Executive Program in 2001.

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