



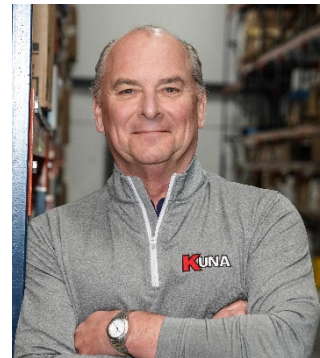
## NEWS RELEASE

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**Item of interest:** Dan Bippen recently starred in an episode of a Midwest BankCentre video series focused on customers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVPDgrqP79A>

### **Dan Bippen Joins Midwest BankCentre’s Legal Board of Directors**

ST. LOUIS (Aug. 2, 2022) – **Daniel F. Bippen** has been elected to the legal board of directors of **Midwest BankCentre**. He is president of the family-owned **Kuna Foodservice** and corporate secretary of **UniPro Foodservice, Inc.**, the nation’s largest foodservice distribution cooperative. His extensive business network and entrepreneurial expertise help sustain Midwest BankCentre’s pulse on the needs of the region’s privately held companies.



Bippen is the third-generation owner of Kuna, founded in 1918 as a small family-owned butcher shop in south St. Louis. Under his leadership, Kuna has become St. Louis’ largest independent food service distributor, growing 30-fold from \$10 million in annual sales to exceed \$300 million. As Kuna grew from a local butcher shop and meat wholesaler to a broadline distributor of more than 10,000 items, its distribution footprint spread to 15 states and two distribution centers, located in Dupo and East Peoria, Ill. Kuna employs more than 300 people.

Bippen serves on the Mercy South Hospital Board and is a founding board member of the Boniface Foundation. The foundation was established in 1999 as a supporting organization to St. Anthony’s Medical Center. Its mission is to support charitable and educational efforts that promote individual and community health and well-being in St. Louis City and County. Bippen and his wife, Lisa, actively support Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Francis Cabrini parish schools, Stray Rescue of St. Louis and Guardian Angel

Settlement. Prior to becoming corporate secretary, he was a board member of UniPro from 2015-2021.

Bippen graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Louis University.

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