

Rick Wagers - Class of 1969

Rick Wagers is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Regional One Health in Memphis, a complex health care system with regional trauma and burn centers, neonatal intensive care, high-risk obstetrics, six primary care practices and numerous specialty practices.

Rick is truly a product of Brownsburg schools, having attended from kindergarten through high school graduation. He earned his accounting degree from Ball State University and his MBA from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He served as Ball Memorial Hospital assistant controller for three years before taking a position at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. He spent the next 32 years at Vanderbilt, retiring as Senior Vice President and CFO. Rick came out of retirement in 2010 for his current role at Regional One Health, inspired by its mission of providing excellent care in a culture of respect and accountability. "It's all about the patient. If you put the patient's needs first, you can't go wrong," he says. "You need to find an equilibrium and a balance in terms of doing right for your current patients and maintaining a stable organization that can care for future patients."

Rick is a member of various professional organizations, including the Tennessee Hospital Association, serving both on its finance committee and Center for Innovative Solutions. He is a graduate of Leadership Nashville and Leadership Memphis, and serves as treasurer of the latter.

Rick is married to fellow Brownsburg graduate Brenda (Leonard) Wagers. They have two grown sons, Ryan and Kevin, and six grandchildren. Rick has volunteered to coach youth baseball and basketball, to serve as treasurer of his sons' middle and high school PTAs, to serve as treasurer for a youth athletics association and more. At Vanderbilt, he helped create a foundation to give victims of spinal cord injuries an opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport of clay target shooting. He also served on a foundation board that raises money for the Boy Scouts of America in Nashville.

In his spare time, Rick enjoys clay target shooting, golf, boating, yoga and travel.