

GOVERNOR



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Bruce Rauner (Republican) was sworn in as the 42nd Governor of Illinois on Jan. 12, 2015.

Governor Rauner's goal is to create a more prosperous state, where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. He is focused on delivering value for taxpayers, creating a pro-jobs economic climate, ensuring world-class schools and educational options for every Illinoisan, and bringing greater accountability to state government.

Rauner was born in Illinois and is a self-made businessman who had no inheritance or family wealth. A dedicated and diligent student, he worked while he attended Dartmouth College and graduated with top honors. He went on to earn an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Returning to Illinois in 1981, Rauner began working at then startup investment company Golder, Thoma, Cressey (later GTCR). As one of its earliest partners, Rauner helped build the firm into one of the most successful and respected businesses in Illinois. GTCR has been trusted for decades to oversee the retirement investments of first respon-

ders, teachers and other Illinois workers and has created tremendous returns for them — far surpassing the stock market's performance — providing exceptional value for taxpayers.

Rauner has reinvested much of his success into the state he loves through supporting education, the YMCA, local hospitals and community organizations. His greatest passion is education. The Governor and First Lady have devoted a tremendous amount of their personal time and resources to improving education throughout the state.

The Governor has never let his success change him. He still drives a 20-year-old camper van, wears an \$18 watch and stays in the cheapest hotel room he can find when he is on the road. He is the proud father of six children — two boys and four girls — and his wife, Diana, is the love of his life. He hunts birds; hikes; loves riding his Harley; enjoys spending time with his dog, Stella; and jumps at every opportunity to fish.

Office of the Governor

The Governor is the chief executive of the state, responsible for the administration of all areas of the Executive Branch. The Governor appoints administrators and department directors, subject to approval by the Senate, and holds general administrative responsibility over several semi-independent boards and commissions. The Governor annually presents a proposed state budget to the General Assembly and reports on the condition of the state, setting priorities and direction. The Governor also grants pardons and reprieves; calls special legislative sessions; approves or vetoes legislation; approves state construction contracts; and serves as commander-in-chief of the state's military forces.