

Anthony J. Filippis

OCC honored Anthony J. “AJ” Filippis Jr. as its Outstanding Alumnus for 2014. He is president and CEO of Wright & Filippis, the nation’s largest family-owned provider of home medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, respiratory services and medical supplies.

Filippis began his long career with Wright & Filippis in 1968 as an orthotic and prosthetic technician. The son of company co-founder Anthony Filippis Sr., A.J. served as vice president from 1981-1997, and in 1997 he succeeded his older brother – the late Gene Filippis – as president of the company.

Filippis holds an Associate Degree in Business from Oakland Community College, as well as several professional certifications in orthotics and prosthetics. He obtained certification in both disciplines from Northwestern University in Chicago, and is certified by the American Board for Certification in both prosthetics (1973) and orthotics (1976).

In addition to his professional certification, he is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Board for Certification in Prosthetics and Orthotics, and the American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists. His prominent professional activities include his role as Chairman, Region B, American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association Task Force; Region B Representative, American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association DMERC-SADMERC Work Group; Board of Directors, American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association; and Surveyor for American Board of Certification in Prosthetics & Orthotics facility accreditation.

He is a Former Committee Member, Medical Advisory for State of Michigan; Former Board of Director and Committee President and Member, American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association; and Past President, Region V, American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association. He served on the Program Advisory and Oversight Committee for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He also served as Chairman of the Board for the American Association for Homecare.

Filippis has been active in a number of community programs. He serves as the Chairman of the Board for the Athletes with Disabilities Network. He is also President of the Filippis Foundation, a non-profit educational program established by Wright &



Filippis. He also serves as Treasurer and is on the Board of Directors for Camp Sancta Maria, a Michigan-based Catholic Boys Camp and is a member of the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan Board of Trustees.

He was the recipient of the 2003 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for Eastern Michigan. More recently, he's been recognized for his role in transitioning Wright & Filippis' delivery fleet to clean-burning propane energy, earning public and private-sector support for the largest program of its kind in the medical equipment industry.