



WILLIAM TEMPLE BEAM, JR.

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William T. Beam, Jr. is a quintessential **Kentuckian**, possessing an extensive career and bloodline involving horses, bourbon and public service. Most of Beam's professions have involved being a notable staff member to multiple governors (representing both political parties). Following his retirement from state government, he transitioned his commitments to the betterment of Louisville and Kentucky, serving statewide and local boards.

Regarding his public service bloodline, Beam is an eighth-generation Louisvillian. He is a direct descendant to Kentucky Governor **Isaac Shelby**, US Supreme Court Justice and Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice **Thomas Todd**, General **Jonathan Clark** (oldest brother of Louisville Euro-founder George Rogers Clark and explorer William Clark), Civil War neutrality advocate and Wolfe County namesake **Nathaniel Wolfe**, U.S. Ambassador to Russia **Col. Charles Todd**, and State Auditor **John B. Temple**.

Beam's bourbon bloodline begins as a direct descendant to the original master distillers **Jacob Beam** and **Daniel P. Weller**. Beam's father and grandfather are Bardstown, Kentucky natives having owned Louisville and Bardstown area liquor stores while selling their private bourbon line selected from a major distiller.

Two of Beam's great-grandfathers were icons in the equine industry, thoroughbred racetrack Churchill Downs Chair/CEO and Frankfort Distillery (Four Roses) President **William H. Veeneman, Sr.** and former Plainview Farms/Stable (American Saddlebred) and Kentucky Trailer owner **R. C. Tway**.

CAREER WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2003-2014 | KENTUCKY BOARD OF TAX APPEALS | Executive Director, Administrative Hearing Officer |
| 1995-2003 | OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (Kentucky) | Director, Boards and Commissions |
| 1994-1995 | Patton-Henry for Kentucky Campaign | Deputy Campaign Manager, Finance Director |
| 1991-1994 | Office of the Lt. Governor (Kentucky) | Finance Director |
| 1991 | Patton for Lt. Governor Campaign | Finance Director |
| 1990-1991 | Tabler Communications | Account Executive |
| 1990 | Louisville Magazine | Account Executive |
| 1987-1989 | WTVQ-TV (Lexington) | Account Executive |
| 1984-1986 | WDRB-TV (Louisville) | Account Executive |
| 1983-1984 | WAVG-AM (Louisville) | Account Executive, V.P. Communications |
| 1981-1983 | WAVE-TV (Louisville) | Account Executive |

EDUCATION

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| Attended 1981 | Loyola University of the South, Business Studies | New Orleans, Louisiana |
| Grad-1980 | Tulane University, B.A., Political Science | New Orleans, Louisiana |
| Grad-1976 | Kentucky Country Day High School | Louisville, Kentucky |

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT -BOARDS

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| 2026-present | Waterfront Botanical Gardens Board of Directors | Development, By-laws Committee |
| 2022-present | Big Spring Country Club Board of Directors | 2022 Appointed, 2024 Elected, 2025 -Secretary |
| 2019-2025 | Kentucky Derby Museum Board of Directors | |
| 2019-2025 | Kentucky Country Day School Board of Trustees | Development Committee |
| 2019-2025 | Louisville Redevelopment Authority Bd of Directors | Appointed, reappointed by Louisville Metro Mayor Greg Fischer |

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| 2015-2023 | The Shelby Society Board of Magistrates | Communications Chair |
| 2005-2009 | Tulane University Associate Board | |
| 2003-2010 | Kentucky Country Day Athletic Booster Club Board | 2005-06 President, 2006-07 Treasurer |
| 2002-2003 | Muhammad Ali Board of Directors | Appointed by Governor Paul E. Patton |
| 1993-1996 | Bingham Child Guidance Center Board of Directors | |
| 1992-1996 | E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park Foundation Board | |
| 1989-1990 | Lexington Ad Club Board of Directors | 1990 President |
| 1986-1987 | Louisville Waterfront Development Corp. | Public Relations Committee |
| 1985-1992 | Ad Club of Louisville | 1987-1988 Board of Directors, 1991 Five-Star Service Award Winner, 1990 Vice President Communications |
| 1984-1988 | Jefferson Co. Capital Projects Corp Bd of Directors | Appointed by Jefferson County Judge-Executive Mitch McConnell |
| 1984-1987 | Ad2 Club of Louisville Board of Directors | 1986-1987 Chair, 1985-1986 President, 1984-1985 Vice President |
| 1984-1987 | Kentucky Derby Festival -Thorobred | Festival in the Park Committee |

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT -HONORS/AWARDS

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| 2025 | Namesake -Kentucky Country Day "Beam Athletic Hall of Fame" KCD Beam Athletic Hall of Fame inductee |
| 2018 | Kentucky Country Day Exceptional Service Award |
| 2015 | Named Tulane University Homecoming Chair (involved all homecoming classes) |
| 2009 | Named Dr. Rudy J. Ellis Distinguished Service Award |
| 2009 | Namesake -Kentucky Country Day "William T Beam Jr Athletic Hall of Fame Hallway" |
| 1996 | Business First Magazine "Forty under Forty" Leadership Award |
| 1995 | Named University of Louisville Honorary Alumnus |

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT -MEMBERSHIPS/CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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| 2023-present | Delray Dunes (FL) Country Club member |
| 2015-present | Big Spring (Harmony Landing) Country Club (KY) member |
| 2015-present | The Shelby Society member |
| 1991-present | Churchill Downs Turf Club Member |
| 2015-2021 | The Filson Society member |
| 2015-2021 | Cave Hill Cemetery Foundation Member |
| 1997 | Leadership Louisville Graduate |
| 1993 | Leadership Kentucky Graduate |
| 1992-2001 | Louisville Forum Member (Program and Issue Committee) |

PERSONAL

William Beam, Jr., lives in suburban Louisville (Prospect), Kentucky

REFERENCES

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| Mr. Logan M. Pichel | President, CEO Republic Bank, Inc. |
| Mr. Paul E. Patton | Former Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky |
| Mr. Louis Vega | President, Dow North America |
| Mr. Terry Meiners | Louisville, Kentucky Radio and Television Personality |
| Mr. Douglass Farnsley | Mayor, City of Prospect, Kentucky |