



Van Andel Institute®

DAVID VAN ANDEL BIOGRAPHY

David Van Andel is Chairman and CEO of Grand Rapids-based Van Andel Institute (VAI), which stands as the cornerstone of the West Michigan life science and biomedical research industry, and supports Van Andel Research Institute (VARI) and Van Andel Education Institute (VAEI) in their endeavors to have a world-wide impact in enriching and enhancing lives through biomedical research and science education. Van Andel has led VAI through a period of rapid growth and accomplishment since the Institute opened its doors in 2000, initiating collaborative research, business and education partnerships that span the globe. The tangible results of this growth can be seen in the construction surrounding the Institute all along the Medical Mile in downtown Grand Rapids, and in VAI's own expansion, which will be completed in late 2009 and will add 240,000 square feet of additional space.

The son of Jay Van Andel, Founder of Van Andel Institute and Co-Founder of Amway Corporation, David Van Andel is also currently Chairman of IdeaSphere Inc., a supplier of natural and organic products. Most recently he held the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Alticor's Pyxis Innovations Business Unit and is a member of the corporation's Board of Directors. Prior to this position, Van Andel was Senior Vice President – Americas and Europe, overseeing the Amway business activities in North America and 22 European and 11 Latin American affiliates. He has held various positions at Amway since 1977.

Van Andel is also Co-owner and Chairman of the Grand Rapids Griffins, an International Hockey League team. He is active in numerous business and community organizations, and serves as current Chairman of The Economic Club of Grand Rapids, and as a board member of The Right Place Program and the Hope College Board of Trustees.

Van Andel was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on May 17, 1959. He is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, is married, and has four children.