

Gov. Mark Parkinson

A successful businessman and former legislator, Gov. Mark Parkinson is a native Kansan with roots in Scott City, where the Parkinsons still own the family farm.

Born in Wichita, Parkinson attended Wichita public schools before going on to graduate summa cum laude from Wichita State University. He finished first in his class from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1984.

Parkinson then entered private practice, forming his own law firm in 1986. He also served as president of the Johnson County Bar Foundation.

In 1990 he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives and, two years later, he was elected to the Kansas Senate. He became Kansas' 45th governor on April 28, 2009.



Gov. Mark Parkinson and
First Lady Stacy Parkinson

Under Parkinson's leadership, Kansas has a balanced budget, which protects our schools and our communities; our state's economy is continuing on the road to recovery; Kansas now has a comprehensive energy policy; and the state has a new 10-year transportation plan to maintain our strong infrastructure.

Following his term as governor in January 2011, Parkinson will become the new president and CEO of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), the national nonprofit organization that represents assisted living, nursing facility, developmentally-disabled and sub-acute care providers.

First Lady Stacy Parkinson

First Lady Stacy Parkinson is a leader who in her own right has contributed greatly to the quality of life of her fellow Kansans.

She is a native Kansan who attended Goddard public schools before graduating from the University of Kansas and the KU School of Law.

As a practicing attorney, she has worked in both the public and private sectors. She is a successful businesswoman who has worked in several enterprises with her husband, helping enhance older Kansans' quality of life through first-class assisted living and nursing facilities.

She has co-chaired many nonprofit benefits that work toward the health and well-being of Kansans. She was named Co-Citizen of the Year by United Community Services of Johnson County.

Stacy and Mark Parkinson have been married for more than 27 years. They have three children: Alex, Sam and Kit. The Parkinsons are active in community and charitable organizations and are members of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood.