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Bryan Sanders, President of Markel Wholesale, joins Brantley Center Board of Advisors

Richmond, VA, January 7, 2016 —Markel announced today that Bryan Sanders, President of Markel Wholesale, has accepted a request to serve on the Appalachian State University's Brantley Risk & Insurance Center Board of Advisors, effective January 1, 2016.

Serving among a group of industry professionals whose primary mission is to support the students and faculty of the Risk Management and Insurance program, Sanders brings over 34 years of insurance industry experience to the Center's Board of Advisors. Sanders has been with Markel since 2013 and, prior to joining Markel, he was Chief Executive Officer of Alterra Specialty. His experience also includes positions with Aetna Casualty and Surety Company. He earned his bachelor's degree in business from Kent State University. He also holds the CIC and ARM designations.

"I am definitely enthusiastic about being selected to the Brantley Risk and Insurance Center Board of Advisors. We are a Strategic Partner and I look forward to contributing to this successful and progressive program," Sanders said.

With goals to develop the strongest possible program in insurance, the Brantley Risk & Insurance Center's objectives include providing students with opportunities to participate in professional designation and licensing programs, supporting research and faculty development, assisting the industry in various functions of developing continuing education programs, directing research activities toward problems and questions of interest to the insurance industry, and educating the public on the role of insurance and functions of the industry in modern life.

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