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Under Don's leadership GTECH advanced the state of the art in both transaction processing, retail systems and wireless communications for the lottery industry that enabled GTECH to become the dominate supplier and partner to lotteries worldwide with over 70% market share. In 2015 GTECH changed its name to IGT Global after a series of acquisitions and mergers.

Don earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations in 1972 and a Master's in Computer Science/Applied Mathematics in 1977 from Brown University. Don serves on several boards including YearUp.org, Spectra Systems and the Business Innovation Factory. Don is a past member of the R.I. Science and Technology Advisory Council and was a founding member of Times2 STEM Academy, Rhode Island's second Charter school, located in Providence.

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