Speaker Biographies

Bret Baier
Chief Political Anchor
FOX News Channel
Bret Baier currently serves as FOX News Channel’s (FNC) chief political anchor and anchor of Special Report with Bret Baier (weeknights 6-7PM/ET), the top-rated cable news program in its timeslot and consistently one of the top four shows in cable news. Based in Washington, DC, he joined the network in 1998 as the first reporter in the Atlanta bureau.

During the 2012 political season, Baier served as co-anchor of FNC’s America’s Election HQ alongside Megyn Kelly. In addition, Baier provided extensive coverage of the 2012 campaign cycle, anchoring presidential and vice presidential debates, as well as the Republican and Democratic conventions. Baier also moderated Fox News Channel’s five Republican presidential primary debates.

Prior to his anchor role, Baier was named Chief White House Correspondent in 2006 and covered the second term of the Bush administration. He interviewed President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney multiple times. Before that, he served as national security correspondent covering military and national security affairs, as well as defense, military policy and the intelligence community from the Pentagon.

During his tenure at the network, Baier has anchored more than two dozen political specials on FNC, reported from Iraq 12 times and Afghanistan 13 times, traveled the world with various administrations and military officials and reported from 74 countries. Additionally, Baier had the only interview with President Obama during the week leading up to the historic health care vote in the House of Representatives in March 2010.

As FNC’s Southeastern correspondent from 1998 to 2001, he covered a range of stories, including the 2001 Timothy McVeigh execution and the 1999 Elian Gonzalez story. He has also provided a series of reports from Cuba and covered more than a dozen hurricanes.

Prior to joining FNC, Baier worked for WRAL-TV (CBS 5) in Raleigh, NC, WREX-TV (NBC 13) in Rockford, IL and WJWJ-TV (PBS 2) in Beaufort, SC. A graduate of DePauw University, he has a B.A. in political science and English.

Bernard Bailey
Chairman and CEO
Authentix
Bernard Bailey serves as Chairman and CEO of Authentix. His career spans over three decades of management experience in the high technology and security industries.

From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Bailey served as Chief Executive Officer and Director at Viisage Technology, Inc., a leading provider of advanced technology identity management solutions. Under his leadership, Viisage’s market capitalization grew from $60 million to over $1 billion. During that period the company executed nine acquisitions, eventually culminating in the formation of L-1 Identity Solutions, a NYSE listed company which was eventually acquired by Safran. Mr. Bailey has served as a director to eight publicly traded companies, and currently serves on the boards of directors of Telos Corporation and Analogic Corporation.

Previously, Mr. Bailey was with the IBM Corporation (1984 – 2001), where he served in a variety of positions; playing a key role as an executive in the development of IBM’s consulting services business. Following IBM, he served as the Chief Operating Officer of Art Technology Group, a leading provider of e-commerce software which was acquired by Oracle. Mr. Bailey serves as a trustee for the Committee for Economic Development.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Mr. Bailey served for eight years as an officer in the US Navy. He holds advanced degrees in engineering from the University of California – Berkeley and the University of Southern California, an MBA from George Washington University and a PhD in Management from Case Western Reserve University.

Zanny Minton Beddoes
Economics Editor
The Economist
Zanny Minton Beddoes is The Economist’s Economics Editor, based in Washington DC. She oversees the magazine’s global economics coverage, managing a team of writers around the world. Before moving to Washington in April 1996, Ms. Minton Beddoes was The Economist’s emerging-markets correspondent based in London. She travelled extensively in Latin America and Eastern Europe, writing editorials and country analyses. She has written surveys of the World Economy, Latin American finance, global finance and Central Asia.
Ms. Minton Beddoes joined The Economist in 1994 after spending two years as an economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where she worked on macroeconomic adjustment programs in Africa and the transition economies of Eastern Europe. Before joining the IMF, she worked as an adviser to the Minister of Finance in Poland, as part of a small group headed by Professor Jeffrey Sachs of Harvard University.

Ms. Minton Beddoes has written extensively about international financial issues including enlargement of the European Union, the future of the International Monetary Fund and economic reform in emerging economies. She has published in Foreign Affairs and Foreign Policy, contributed chapters to several conference volumes and, in 1997, edited "Emerging Asia", a book on the future of emerging-markets in Asia, published by the Asian Development Bank. In May 1998 she testified before Congress on the introduction of the Euro.

Ms. Minton Beddoes is a regular television and radio commentator (“Tucker Carlson Unfiltered” on PBS, “Marketplace” on NPR, also CNN, PBS and CNBC). She is a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a member of the Research Advisory Board of the Committee for Economic Development.

She holds an undergraduate degree from Oxford University and a master's degree from Harvard University.

Lydia I. Beebe
Corporate Secretary and Chief Governance Officer
Chevron Corporation

Lydia I. Beebe is corporate secretary and chief governance officer of Chevron Corporation, a position she has held since 1995. She provides advice and counsel to the board of directors and senior management on corporate governance matters and manages the company's corporate governance function. Beebe also serves as secretary to the board, the Executive Committee, and the Board Nominating and Governance Committee. Previously Beebe was a senior manager and tax counsel in Chevron's Tax Department from 1985 to 1995 and a Washington, D.C., representative from 1981 to 1985.

Throughout her career, Beebe has been active on many public and nonprofit governing boards. In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed her to the board of directors of the Presidio Trust, where she served until 2008. Governor Pete Wilson appointed Beebe to the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission in 1991, where she was chairperson from 1995 through the end of her term in 1999. In recognition of the accomplishments made during her tenure leading the commission, she was honored as a Civil Rights Hero by the state of California.

Beebe has been named Corporate Secretary of the Year by Corporate Secretary magazine and a distinguished alumna by both Golden Gate University and the University of Kansas School of Law. In May 2010, she received the Founder's Award for exceptional business leadership from the Women's Initiative for Self Employment. In 1996, she received the Breakthrough Award from the Professional Business Women of California. In 2012, the San Francisco Business Times inducted her into its "Forever Influential Honor Roll" of the most influential businesswomen in the Bay Area. She is a frequent speaker and panelist on corporate governance topics.

Beebe serves on the governing boards of the National Judicial College, Kansas University Endowment Association, Kansas University Law Alumni, the National Association of Corporate Directors of Northern California and the San Francisco Symphony. She is an advisory board member of both the Arthur and Toni Rembe Rock Center for Corporate Governance and the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance. She also serves on the board of directors of the Chevron Employees Political Action Committee.

Previously Beebe served on the governing boards of the Council of Institutional Investors, the Professional Business Women of California, the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals, Golden Gate University, and the San Francisco Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee.

Beebe was born in Kansas in 1952. She joined Chevron in 1977 as a contracts attorney. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1974 and a J.D. law degree in 1977, both from the University of Kansas. She earned an M.B.A. in taxation from Golden Gate University in 1980.

Angela F. Braly
Former CEO
Wellpoint

A recognized leader in business and healthcare, Angela serves on the board of directors of The Proctor & Gamble Company and Lowe’s Companies, Inc. From 2007-2012 Angela was the Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer of WellPoint, Inc. During Angela’s tenure, WellPoint achieved more than $60 billion in revenue and was the nation’s largest health insurer by membership, with approximately 34 million or 1 in 9 Americans. WellPoint operates through its Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in 14 states and its subsidiaries, CareMore and Amerigroup.

Her entrepreneurial approach to a historically conventional business included a “customer-first” focus that improved customer service scores while significantly reducing administrative costs. This strategy also increased transparency to provide medical cost information to customers, and led to launching the partnership with IBM to use the Watson technology to provide innovative solutions in health care.
Angela has been named one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare, and has appeared as high as 4th on the list of most powerful women in both Forbes and Fortune.

Her leadership reaches beyond the private sector. Angela is passionate about giving back in ways that will have a lasting and positive impact on the community, and with her husband, Doug Braly, is providing “involved philanthropy” through the United Way of Central Indiana, several education initiatives and Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. In 2013 Angela founded The Braly Group, which serves as a platform for her consulting, speaking and philanthropic efforts.

Angela received her juris doctor from Southern Methodist University School of Law and her undergraduate degree in finance from Texas Tech University.

Rep. Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
District 26, Texas
U.S. House of Representatives

After spending nearly three decades practicing medicine in North Texas, Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D., was first elected to Congress in 2002, and has since been re-elected five times, most recently in 2012. During his time on Capitol Hill he has earned a reputation as a problem-solver who seeks sensible solutions to the challenges Americans face.

Dr. Burgess serves on the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee and serves as Vice Chairman of both the Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, in addition to being a member of the Energy and Power Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Rules Committee, the Republican Study Committee, the House Republican Policy Committee, the Helsinki Commission, and, in 2009, founded and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Congressional Health Caucus.

During his 10 years in Congress, Dr. Burgess has been a strong advocate for health care legislation aimed at reducing health care costs, improving choices, reforming liability laws to put the needs of patients first, and ensuring there are enough doctors in the public and private sector to care for America’s patients. He has also played a crucial role in bipartisan efforts to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and consumer products.

As a Member of Congress representing one of the fastest growing areas of the country, transportation is also a top priority for Dr. Burgess. He successfully amended the 2005 Highway Bill to include toll credits, design-build, and environmental streamlining. During his time on Capitol Hill, he also has worked tirelessly to ensure that the construction, maintenance, and improvements of roads, bridges, air service and transit in the North Texas region can continue.

While in the House of Representatives, Dr. Burgess has received several awards, including the 2008 House Legislator of the Year from the Multiple Sclerosis Society; 2005 Legislator of the Year by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners; Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); Taxpayer Hero award from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste; and the Spirit of Enterprise award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Today, Dr. Burgess represents the majority of Denton County and sections of both Dallas and Tarrant County. Raised in Denton, Texas, Dr. Burgess attended The Selwyn School, graduating in 1968 as valedictorian. He graduated with both an undergraduate and a Masters degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. He received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed his residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Dr. Burgess also received a Masters degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May of 2009 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center. Dr. Burgess has been married to his wife, Laura, for 40 years, and they have three children and two grandsons.

Steve Clemons
Editor, AtlanticLIVE; Washington Editor at Large, The Atlantic

Steve Clemons is Washington editor at large for The Atlantic and editor of Atlantic Live. He writes frequently about politics and foreign affairs.

Steve Clemons is the founder of the American Strategy Program at the New America Foundation, which aims to promote a new American internationalism that combines a tough-minded realism about America's interests in the world with a pragmatic idealism about the kind of world order best suited to America's democratic way of life. He is currently a Senior Fellow at New America, of which he previously served as Executive Vice President, and remains actively involved in the direction of the American Strategy Program.

Publisher of the popular political blog The Washington Note, Mr. Clemons is a long-term policy practitioner and entrepreneur in Washington, D.C., served as Executive Vice President of the Economic Strategy Institute, Senior Policy Advisor on Economic and International Affairs to Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and was the first Executive Director of the Nixon Center.
Prior to moving to Washington, Mr. Clemons served for seven years as Executive Director of the Japan America Society of Southern California, and co-founded with Chalmers Johnson the Japan Policy Research Institute. He is a Member of the Board of the Clarke Center at Dickinson College, a liberal arts college in Carlisle, Pa., as well as an Advisory Board Member of the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. He is also a Board Member of the Global Policy Innovations Program at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs and on the advisory board of the Robert Bosch Foundation Alumni Association.

Mr. Clemons writes frequently on matters of foreign policy, defense, and international economic policy. His work has appeared in many of the major leading op-ed pages, journals, and magazines around the world.

Abby Joseph Cohen
President, Global Market Institute;
Senior Investment Strategist
Goldman Sachs
Abby Joseph Cohen is president of the Global Markets Institute and senior investment strategist. She serves on the firm’s US Retirement Investment Committee and has served on the Partnership Committee. Abby joined Goldman Sachs in 1990 and was named partner in 1998.

Prior to joining the firm, Abby specialized in quantitative strategy and economics at other major financial firms. She began her career as an economist at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, DC.

Abby’s outside activities focus on education and public policy. She serves on the White House-appointed Innovation Advisory Board for economic competitiveness. Abby is the chair of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Theological Seminary. She serves as a presidential counsellor at Cornell University and on the boards of the Weill Cornell Medical College, the Brookings Institution and The Economic Club of New York. Abby is a former board chair of the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute, from which she received the Distinguished Service Award. She is an advisor to the investment committees of Cornell University and Major League Baseball. Abby is on the national board of the Smithsonian Institution and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She is a frequent guest lecturer at several universities and graduate schools of business.

Abby earned degrees in economics from Cornell University and The George Washington University. She has received three honorary doctorates, including one in engineering. Abby has been recognized as a leader in US portfolio strategy for two decades and was previously ranked No. 1 by Institutional Investor magazine and Greenwich Associates. Her career is the subject of a Harvard Business School case study and a BusinessWeek cover story. Abby has been honored by many groups, including the Financial Women’s Association, New York Stock Exchange and leading financial publications.

Charles E. Cook, Jr.
Editor and Publisher, The Cook Political Report;
Columnist, National Journal
Charlie Cook is Editor and Publisher of the Cook Political Report and a political analyst for National Journal magazine, where he writes a twice weekly column. Charlie is considered one of the nation’s leading authorities on American politics and U.S. elections. In 2010, Charlie was a co-recipient of the American Political Science Association’s prestigious Carey McWilliams award to honor “a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics.” In the spring semester of 2013, Charlie served as a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Charlie founded the Cook Political Report in 1984 and became a columnist for Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill, in 1986. In 1998 he moved his column to National Journal. Charlie has served as a political analyst or election night analyst for CBS, CNN and NBC News and has been a frequent political analyst for all three major broadcast news networks and has appeared on Meet the Press and This Week.

The New York Times has called Charlie “one of the best political handicappers in the nation” and has said the Cook Political Report is “a newsletter which both parties regard as authoritative.” The late David Broder wrote in the Washington Post that Charlie was “perhaps the best non-partisan tracker of Congressional races,” while CBS News’ Bob Schieffer called the Cook Political Report, “the bible of the political community.”

“In Washington, where almost everyone has an opinion on every subject, it can be difficult to recognize true expertise. With Charlie Cook, it would be hard not to recognize. He is widely regarded as one of the most astute impartial analysts of the Washington political scene and is one of the nation’s leading authorities on U.S. elections....”

Charlie Cook participates in a number of speaking engagements nationwide and is exclusively represented by Leading Authorities Speakers Bureau.
Helen B. Darling  
President and CEO  
National Business Group on Health  

Helen Darling is president and CEO of the National Business Group on Health, a national non-profit, membership organization devoted exclusively to providing practical solutions to its employer-members' most important health care problems and representing large employers' perspective on national health policy issues. Its 389 members, including 69 of the Fortune 100 in 2013, purchase health and disability benefits for over 50 million employees, retirees and dependents. Darling has been given WorldatWork's Keystone Award, the President’s Award by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and NCQA’s Health Quality Leader Award. She serves on: the Committee on Performance Measurement of the National Committee for Quality Assurance; the Medical Advisory Panel, Technology Evaluation Center, (Blue Cross Blue Shield Association); the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Value and Science-Driven Health Care, the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee. She is Chair of the Board of the National Quality Forum and on the Board the Congressionally-created Reagan-Udall Foundation. She was appointed as a National Associate of the National Academy of Sciences for her work for the Institute of Medicine, and in 2011-2013 named one of 100 Most Influential People in Health Care, by Modern Healthcare and One of the Top 25 Women in HealthCare in 2011 and 2013. Previously, she directed the purchasing of health benefits and disability at Xerox Corporation. Darling was an advisor to Senator David Durenberger, on the Health Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee. She directed three studies at the Institute of Medicine. Darling received a master’s degree in demography/sociology and a bachelor's of science degree in History/English, cum laude, from the University of Memphis.

Diana Farrell  
Global Leader & Co-founder, The McKinsey Center for Government;  
Director, McKinsey & Company  

Diana Farrell is a Director, or Senior Partner, at McKinsey & Company and the global head of McKinsey Center for Government (MCG), McKinsey’s center of expertise and innovation providing research, knowledge, databases and tools to support government leaders in their goal to achieve lasting performance.

Ms. Farrell returned to McKinsey after holding the post of Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and Deputy Assistant to the President on Economic Policy at the White House for two years. While at the White House, she led the inter-agency wide processes for a broad portfolio of economic initiatives, including: the Administration’s financial regulatory reform agenda and passage of the Dodd-Frank Act; the full housing and housing finance policy agenda; and the innovation and competitiveness agenda, which included extensive joint work with the Office of Science and Technology Policy. She was also a member of the President’s Auto Task Force, charged with devising strategies to restructure the US auto industry and support the affected communities.

Before she joined President Obama’s Administration, Ms. Farrell was a Director of McKinsey & Company, and led the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey’s economics research arm. MGI’s independent investigations combine McKinsey’s microeconomic understanding of companies and industries with the rigor of leading macroeconomic thinking to derive perspectives and publish reports on important global economic issues. Ms. Farrell’s work has appeared in academic journals, books, and on the op-ed pages of leading international publications, and she is a frequent speaker at major US and global conferences. She is the editor of an anthology series based on MGI research, published by Harvard Business School Press, 2007. She is the co-author of Market Unbound, published by Wiley & Sons, 1996.

Ms. Farrell was previously a McKinsey consultant in the New York and Washington, D.C. offices and a leader of McKinsey’s Global Financial Institutions and Global Strategy practices. She has served clients around the world in a variety of capacities. Prior to joining McKinsey, she worked for Goldman, Sachs & Company in New York.

Ms. Farrell has a B.A. from Wesleyan University in Economics and in the College of Social Studies. She also holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Henrietta H. Fore  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Holsman International  

Henrietta H. Fore is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Holsman International, a manufacturing, consulting, and investment company. The Holsman companies include the 64-year-old Stockton Products, a manufacturer and distributor of steel and wire products. Ms. Fore serves as Co-Chair of Asia Society and Co-Chair of WomenCorporateDirectors. She is a Trustee of the Aspen Institute and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. She serves on the Corporate Boards of Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE: XOM) and Theravance, Inc. (NASDAQ: THRX). In addition, Ms. Fore provides advisory services to several international corporations, including the Coca-Cola Company.

From 2007 to 2009, Ms. Fore served as the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, holding the equivalent rank as Deputy Secretary of State. Ms. Fore was the first woman to serve in these roles. She was responsible for managing $39.5 billion of U.S. foreign assistance annually, including support to countries recovering from disaster, trying to escape poverty, and engaging in democratic reforms. She oversaw an annual budget of $12.3 billion, and a staff of approximately 8,000, of whom more than 75 percent
worked overseas in USAID field offices. She served on the Boards of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Ms. Fore received the Distinguished Service Award in 2009, the highest award the Secretary of State can bestow.

From 2005 to 2007, Ms. Fore served as Under Secretary of State for Management, the Chief Operating Officer for the Department of State. She was responsible for the people, resources, facilities, technology and security of the Department and was the Secretary’s principal advisor on management issues. She oversaw a management budget of $3.6 billion, 7,200 employees, 30,000 contractors and 267 embassies and posts in 172 countries.

Ms. Fore served as the 37th Director of the United States Mint in the Department of Treasury from 2001 to 2005. She managed the world’s largest manufacturer of coins, medals, and coin products. The United States Mint produced 13 billion coins in 2004 for the nation’s trade as well as gold, silver and platinum bullion coins and commemorative coins and medals for investors and collectors. She was elected President of the International Mint Directors. Ms. Fore received the Alexander Hamilton Award in 2005, the Department of Treasury’s highest honor for her service as Director of the United States Mint.


Ms. Fore has a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Wellesley College and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. She received the 2006 Alumnae Award from the Baldwin School, and the 2004 Alumnae Award from the University of Northern Colorado. She has also studied International Politics at Oxford University and studied at Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Ms. Fore is married and lives in Washington, DC, Nevada, and Florida. She is a keen sailor and collector of antique Holsman Automobiles.

Jason Furman  
Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers  
Executive Office of the President

Jason Furman is the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. Prior to this role, he served as Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and the Principal Deputy Director of the National Economic Council. From 2007 to 2008 Furman was a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies and Director of the Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institute. Previously, he served as a Staff Economist at the Council of Economic Advisers, a Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy at the National Economic Council under President Clinton and Senior Adviser to the Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank. Furman was the Economic Policy Director for Obama for America.

Furman, who earned his Ph.D. in economics and a M.A. in government from Harvard University and a M.Sc. in economics from the London School of Economics, has also served as Visiting Scholar at NYU’s Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, a visiting lecturer at Yale and Columbia Universities, and a Senior Fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. He has conducted research in a wide range of areas, including fiscal policy, tax policy, health economics, Social Security, and monetary policy. In addition to numerous articles in scholarly journals and periodicals, Furman is the editor of several books on economic policy, including Path to Prosperity and Who Has the Cure.

Raymond Gilmartin  
Former CEO  
Merck & Co.

Raymond V. Gilmartin is the former Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Merck & Co., Inc., a global pharmaceutical company that discovers, manufactures and markets innovative vaccines and medicines.

Shortly after retiring from Merck in 2006, he joined the faculty at Harvard Business School where he taught in the MBA and executive education programs through 2012. Prior to joining Merck, Mr. Gilmartin served as Chairman, President and CEO of Becton Dickinson, a global company in the medical devices and diagnostic industry.

Mr. Gilmartin serves on the boards of General Mills, Inc. and the National Association of Corporate Directors. He is the past Chairman of the Board of Directors of The United Negro College Fund and has served as Chairman of the Board of Dean’s Advisors for the Harvard Business School. Mr. Gilmartin received a BS in electrical engineering from Union College in 1963 and an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1968.
Earl G. Graves Jr. (Butch)
President & CEO
BLACK ENTERPRISE
Earl G. Graves Jr. (Butch) is president & CEO of BLACK ENTERPRISE. He is responsible for the strategic positioning and overall profitability of the corporation which includes magazine publishing, television production, digital media, and business and lifestyle events.

Butch joined BLACK ENTERPRISE in 1988 after earning his M.B.A. from Harvard University. After holding several positions within advertising & marketing, he was appointed president and chief operating officer in 1998 and named CEO in 2006. Under his guidance BLACK ENTERPRISE has expanded the reach of its signature magazine to include more than 4 million readers, redefined its Wealth for Life mission for the digital age with a revitalized multimedia website and iPad edition, and successfully launched broadcasts of Our World with Black Enterprise and the Black Enterprise Business Report into television syndication.

Dr. Randa Grob-Zakhary
Chief Executive Officer
LEGO Foundation
Dr. Randa Grob-Zakhary is the CEO of the LEGO Foundation and has developed a new direction for the Foundation that aims to open minds to the transformative power of play in learning. Grob-Zakhary brings two decades of experience in neuroscience across the United States and Europe. In 2007, she founded the Babyboost Institute for Early Learning and Development to share important scientific advancements on early childhood with parents and professionals and to elevate the quality of care in the early years. Prior to this she held roles at Novo Nordisk and at the global consultancy McKinsey & Company, where she bridged the private and nonprofit sectors within the areas of strategy, organization, and governance. She holds a doctoral degree in neuroscience and a medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She has authored multiple publications, including two books. She currently sits on the Education advisory panel for the Clinton Global Initiative.

Lisa Guernsey
Director, Early Education Initiative
New America Foundation
Lisa Guernsey is Director of the New America Foundation’s Early Education Initiative. Ms. Guernsey focuses on elevating dialogue about early childhood education, in part by editing the Early Ed Watch blog, and spotlighting new approaches for helping disadvantaged children succeed. A journalist by training, Ms. Guernsey has been a technology and education writer at The New York Times and The Chronicle of Higher Education and has contributed to several national publications, including Newsweek, Time, The Washington Post, and USA TODAY. She also blogs occasionally at The Huffington Post and is on Twitter @LisaGuernsey. Ms. Guernsey’s most recent book is Screen Time: How Electronic Media – From Baby Videos to Educational Software – Affects Your Young Child (Basic Books, 2012). She won a 2012 gold Eddie magazine award for a School Library Journal article on e-books, was a 2005 journalism fellow in the child and family policy program at the University of Maryland, and has served on several national advisory committees on early education. She holds a master’s degree in English/American Studies and a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Virginia.

Larry Jensen
President and CEO
Commercial Advisors, LLC
Larry Jensen is President and CEO of Commercial Advisors, LLC. With more than 35 years in the commercial real estate business, Mr. Jensen has been recognized as “Commercial Broker of the Year” for the Memphis region by his real estate industry peers, “Office Broker of the Year” and “Office Leasing Broker of the Year”. He was also recently featured in an article “Commercial Real Estate 101”, in Business Tennessee Magazine.

Mr. Jensen and his team advise and represent corporations, institutions and individuals with innovative strategies, planning, and implementation related to business and commercial real estate. His clients have included: Smith & Nephew; ServiceMaster; Hunter Fan; FedEx Corporation; FedEx Express; Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, & Berkowitz; AutoZone; Hewlett Packard; ACH Food Companies; Stratas Foods; The Campbell Clinic, Wright Medical Technologies; Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare System; First Alliance Bank; and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Mr. Jensen currently serves on the Aerotropolis Executive Committee as Co-Chair of the Master Planning Committee. He is active on the Board of Advisors for the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and has also volunteered on the University of Memphis’ Board of Visitors. In 2010, Mr. Jensen was named one of Memphis Business Quarterly’s Power Players in the Commercial Real Estate category. He has served as the Vice-Chairman of Shelby Farms Park Conservancy and continues to serve on the board. He was formerly President of Memphis Tomorrow, an organization of 28 CEOs of the larger Memphis-area companies and institutions and also served as Chairman of the Memphis Regional Chamber in 2001.
Robert J. Kueppers  
Senior Partner - Global Regulatory & Professional Matters  
Deloitte LLP

Robert J. Kueppers is Managing Partner for Deloitte LLP’s Center for Corporate Governance. Mr. Kueppers leads the Center’s efforts to support boards of directors and audit committees on a variety of governance and risk matters.

Since 2008, he has developed and hosted the Deloitte Directors’ Series, a live broadcast to thousands of directors across the United States discussing the latest issues and trends in corporate governance. In 2009, 2012 and 2013, Mr. Kueppers was recognized by NACD Directorship magazine as one of the top 100 influential professionals in corporate governance and in the boardroom. Mr. Kueppers is a frequent speaker and writer on issues impacting corporate governance and the audit profession.

Mr. Kueppers also serves as Senior Partner, Global Regulatory and Professional Matters for Deloitte LLP. In this role, Mr. Kueppers represents the U.S. member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited on global regulatory, public policy and accounting profession matters. He also serves major clients of the firm in an advisory capacity and has 38 years of professional experience. Mr. Kueppers previously served as Deputy CEO of Deloitte LLP and was responsible for regulatory and professional matters in the United States.

Mr. Kueppers is chairman of the board of directors of United Way of New York City; chair of the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management Board of Overseers; a board member of American Corporate Partners, a nationwide mentoring organization for United States veterans; a founding trustee and chairman of the SEC Historical Society; and a trustee of the Committee for Economic Development. He also helped create the Center for Audit Quality and since its inception in 2002 has chaired many committees and task forces with his peers and professional practice leaders from other national accounting firms.

Joan Lombardi  
Former Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Joan Lombardi is an international expert on child development and social policy. Over the past 40 years she has made significant contributions in the areas of child and family policy as an innovative leader and policy advisor to national and international organizations and foundations and as a public servant. She currently serves as an advisor to the Buffett Early Childhood Fund and as a senior fellow for the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

Joan served as deputy assistant secretary for Early Childhood Development for the Obama Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2009-2011). Earlier in her career, she also served in various positions during the Clinton Administration (1993-1998) including deputy assistant secretary for policy and external affairs in the Administration for Children and Families and as the first commissioner of the Child Care Bureau. She was the founding chair of the Birth to Five Policy Alliance, established by the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, and the founder of Global Leaders for Young Children, sponsored by the World Forum Foundation.

Alan Murray  
President  
Pew Research Center

Alan Murray has been president of the Pew Research Center in Washington, D.C., since January 2013. He previously spent 29 years at The Wall Street Journal, where he most recently served as Deputy Managing Editor and Executive Editor, Online. Murray spent a decade as the Journal’s Washington Bureau Chief, during which the bureau won three Pulitzer Prizes; and he subsequently served as CNBC’s Washington Bureau Chief, co-hosting “Capital Report with Alan Murray and Gloria Borger.” At various times, he wrote the Journal’s weekly Business and Political Capital columns, and won numerous awards for his writing on economics and international issues. He is the author of four books, including Showdown at Gucci Gulch, coauthored with Jeffrey Birnbaum. He was a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina, a Luce scholar, and holds a master’s degree in economics from the London School of Economics. He is a member of the Gridiron Club and the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on the Governing Council of the Miller Center for Public Affairs at the University of Virginia.

Susan Page  
Washington Bureau Chief  
USA TODAY

Susan Page is the Washington Bureau chief of USA TODAY, covering her 9th presidential campaign (and still trying to get it right). She’s interviewed the past 8 presidents and reported from 5 continents.
Debra Perry  
Non-Executive Director  
Korn Ferry  

Debra Perry is a senior financial services professional with broad executive and board level experience in financial analysis, risk oversight and corporate governance. Ms. Perry has served on the boards of four NYSE listed companies and two mutual fund complexes, chairing audit, compensation and governance committees. She has also served as a trustee and advisory board member in the public policy and higher education arenas. Over her business career, she was a senior executive at Moody’s, the bond-rating agency, and held fixed income research and capital market positions in New York, Paris and London with First Boston and Chemical Bank.

Ms. Perry currently serves on the board of Korn Ferry International, the leadership and talent consulting company where she chairs the Audit Committee, and on the board of PartnerRe, a provider of risk-assumption solutions for the global insurance and capital markets. In 2011, she joined the board of trustees of the BofA Funds Series Trust, a money fund complex where she chairs the Governance Committee, and the board of the Sanford C. Bernstein Fund, Inc.

From 2004-2008, she served on the board of MBIA, the largest financial guaranty insurance company. Following the early impact of the financial crisis on the company and its recapitalization, she was asked by the board to serve as a consultant to its Credit Risk Committee to refine and implement the company’s risk strategy as part of its five-year transformation plan.

From 2004-2011, Ms. Perry served on the board of Conseco, Inc., now CNO Financial Group, a life and health insurer that had recently emerged from bankruptcy with a new management team and new board selected to rebuild the company. During her tenure, the board oversaw the restructuring and recapitalization of the company. She chaired the Human Resources & Compensation Committee of the board.

Until her retirement from Moody’s in 2004, Ms. Perry managed several ratings divisions, served as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and had primary responsibility for executing the spin-off of Moody’s from the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation and for building the public company infrastructure. In her line management roles, she managed an unusually wide range of rating groups covering financial institutions, industrial companies, and US municipal issuers. Following the defaults of Enron and WorldCom, she led the recalibration of $3 trillion of corporate debt ratings and introduced numerous enhancements to Moody’s fundamental analysis, including a focus on the quality of issuers’ corporate governance and public financial reporting.

In addition to her work as a board member, Ms. Perry currently serves on the executive committee of the Committee for Economic Development (CED), the nonpartisan business-led public policy organization. She is a member of the Economic Club of New York, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the International Corporate Governance Network and Women Corporate Directors. Until 2013, she served on the Dean’s Advisory Board of the Wisconsin School of Business at the University of Wisconsin. Ms. Perry holds a BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a graduate degree from Yale University.

Catherine B. Reynolds  
President & CEO  
Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation  

Catherine B. Reynolds brings to the world of philanthropy the same energy and entrepreneurial spirit that ensured her success in the realm of commerce. After graduating from Vanderbilt University, she started her business career as a CPA at the accounting firm of Arthur Young, and then became the Assistant to the Board Chairman of The Charter Company, in her hometown of Jacksonville, Florida. As the leader of two businesses, Mrs. Reynolds went on to create a new and affordable way for Americans to finance a college education. A bold, innovative thinker, she developed a privately-funded supplement to government student loan programs. Through her vision and perseverance, hundreds of thousands of Americans have been able to attend the college of their choice.

In only one decade, this creative approach to private educational financing revolutionized student lending and spawned a multibillion-dollar industry. Mrs. Reynolds now devotes her time and abilities primarily to philanthropic pursuits. The mission of the Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation is profound in its implications, yet simply stated: to help educate young people, to inspire them to believe in their power to make a difference as individuals, and to motivate them to reach their greatest potential as citizens and productive members of society.

Mrs. Reynolds was selected by Businessweek magazine as one of the 50 most philanthropic living Americans and is the first self-made woman ever to make their list. She is a current or former Trustee of New York University, Vanderbilt University, Harvard Kennedy School’s Center for Public Leadership, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Gallery of Art, Dance Theater of Harlem, D.C. College Access Program, National Geographic International Advisory Council, Inova Fairfax Hospital, and the American Academy of Achievement. She also funds the MIT YouPitch Entrepreneurship Competition. Mrs. Reynolds served as a member of the U.S. Secretary of Education’s Commission on the Future of Higher Education during the administration of President George W. Bush.

Mrs. Reynolds has received honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Morehouse College and Willamette University, as well as New York University’s Gold Medal. She is also the recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship, bestowed annually on America’s most outstanding business leaders by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the National Italian-American Foundation’s Achievement Award in Education and Cultural Affairs. Mrs. Reynolds was selected as 2011 Washingtonian of the Year, honoring “local heroes whose good works and generous spirits make Washington a great place to live and work.”
R. Timothy Rice  
Chief Executive Officer  
Cone Health  

R. Timothy Rice serves as Chief Executive Officer of Cone Health. Rice focuses on Cone Health’s growing healthcare affiliations, civic service and national healthcare commitments. Rice was originally named President and Chief Executive Officer in 2004. He served as Chief Operating Officer from 2001 to 2004.

Prior to 2001, Rice served as Executive Vice President of The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital and as Executive Vice President of the Health Services Division. He has a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Washington State University and a master’s degree in health administration from Duke University.

Rice is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He serves on the boards of N.C. A&T State University, The Joint Commission, the National Center for Healthcare Leadership, the N.C. Hospital Association, the South Atlantic Healthcare Alliance, the GTCC Foundation and as a North Carolina State Delegate for Region 3 of the American Hospital Association.

Rice is a 2012 recipient of the Thomas Z. Osborne Award from the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina Hospital Association that same year.

Ryan Schoenike  
Co-founder & Executive Director  
The Can Kicks Back  

Prior to joining The Can Kicks Back, Ryan co-founded and led WeCanPayThatTab.org. A website designed to create a dialogue between policymakers and young Americans on the debt and deficit issues. He has engaged with policymakers and Millennials in a variety of forums to discuss fiscal challenges. Including, as one of three Millennials to testify before the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform and as part of Do We Have a Deal Yet?, which organized 150 student body presidents around the 2011 debt ceiling fight. Ryan has a background in economics and has worked for a variety organizations in the energy field. He has experience in market analysis, program management, national branding campaigns and online media.

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  

Kathleen Sebelius was sworn in as the 21st Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on April 28, 2009. Since taking office, Secretary Sebelius has led ambitious efforts to improve America’s health and enhance the delivery of human services to some of the nation’s most vulnerable populations, including young children, those with disabilities, and the elderly.

As part of the historic Affordable Care Act, Secretary Sebelius is implementing reforms that end many of the insurance industry’s worst abuses, and will help 34 million uninsured Americans get health coverage. Under the law, she is also carrying out policies that put a new focus on wellness and prevention, support the adoption of electronic medical records, and help recruit and train more primary care health providers.

In addition, Secretary Sebelius is working closely with doctors, nurses, hospital leaders, employers, and patients to slow the growth in health care costs through better care and better health. And under her leadership, HHS has formed a historic partnership with the Department of Justice to stamp out health care fraud that has already returned record sums to the Medicare Trust Fund.

Secretary Sebelius is committed to ensuring that America continues to lead the world in innovation. Under her leadership, HHS is promoting public-private collaboration to bring life-saving treatments and medicines to market. The Department is also working to build a 21st century food safety system that will prevent outbreaks before they occur. And it is collaborating with the Department of Education, to help states increase the quality of early childhood education programs, and give parents more information to make the best choices for their children.

Secretary Sebelius also leads the nation’s emergency health response to crises and natural disasters, including the Haiti earthquake, the Gulf oil spill, and the Joplin, Missouri tornado. And as America’s top health official, she continues to work with our international partners to confront global health issues like polio, HIV/AIDS, and the growing costs of chronic disease around the world.

Forbes has named Secretary Sebelius one of the 100 most powerful women in the world. Before her Cabinet appointment in April, 2009, she served as Governor of Kansas beginning in 2003, where she was named one of America’s Top Five Governors by Time Magazine. From 1995 to 2003 she served as Kansas Insurance Commissioner. She was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1987 to 1995.

Secretary Sebelius is the first daughter of a governor to be elected governor in American history; her father John Gilligan served as Ohio’s Governor from 1971-75. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity Washington University. She is married to Gary Sebelius, a federal magistrate judge. They have two sons, John and Ned, and a daughter-in-law, Lisa.
Paul Taylor  
**Executive Vice President, Special Projects**  
**Pew Research Center**

Paul Taylor is the executive vice president of special projects at the Pew Research Center, where he oversees demographic, social and generational research. Taylor is the author of *The Next America*, a new book examining generations and the country’s changing demographics. From 1996 through 2003, he served as president and board chairman of the Alliance for Better Campaigns. Before that, he was a newspaper reporter for 25 years, the last 14 at The Washington Post, where he covered national politics and served as a foreign correspondent. From 1992-1995, he was the Post’s bureau chief in South Africa and reported on the historic transformation from apartheid to democracy. He also covered four U.S. presidential campaigns. Taylor is also the author of *See How They Run* (Knopf, 1990) and co-author of *The Old News Versus the New News* (Twentieth Century Fund, 1992). He twice served as the visiting Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University, in 1989 and 1995. He graduated in 1970 with a bachelor’s in American Studies from Yale University. Taylor has lectured at numerous colleges and frequently discusses Pew Research studies in print and broadcast media.

Maggie Wilderotter  
**Chairman and CEO**  
**Frontier Communications Corporation**

Maggie Wilderotter became Chairman and CEO of Frontier Communications Corporation on January 1, 2006. She joined the company November 1, 2004 as President and CEO and a member of the Board of Directors. Earlier, she was SVP of Worldwide Public Sector at Microsoft and President and CEO of Wink Communications. Prior positions included EVP of National Operations for AT&T Wireless Services, CEO of AT&T’s Aviation Communications Division, and an SVP of McCaw Cellular Communications.

Mrs. Wilderotter serves on the boards of Xerox and Procter & Gamble and on non-profits including The Committee of 200 and Catalyst. Since 2009, she has been included in FORTUNE’s annual ranking of the “50 Most Powerful Women in Business.” In October 2012, Mrs. Wilderotter was designated Chair of President Obama’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee. In December 2012, she was named to the Executive Committee of the Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs of leading U.S. companies.

Mrs. Wilderotter holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Holy Cross College.

Ronald A. Williams  
**Former CEO**  
**Aetna, Inc.**

Ronald A. Williams is the former Chairman and CEO of Aetna Inc., a leading diversified health care benefits company that was named FORTUNE’s most admired company in the Health Care: Insurance and Managed Care category for three consecutive years during his tenure. Mr. Williams served as both Chairman and CEO of Aetna from 2006 to 2010, and as Chairman from November 2010 to April 2011.

Mr. Williams currently serves on the President’s Management Advisory Board, which was assembled by President Obama to help bring the best of business practices to the management and operation of the federal government. Appointed to the board in March 2011, Mr. Williams is particularly interested in developing a more efficient government operations model by bringing to the table a focus on transforming American health care into a more efficient system that delivers greater value to all Americans.

Under the leadership of Mr. Williams, Aetna has sought to make a positive impact on health care in America by serving as a catalyst for change, focusing the industry, public policy leaders, physicians and employers on issues aimed at increasing access and affordability.

Joining Aetna in 2001, Mr. Williams has focused on creating innovation in the industry, especially through information technology, and bringing new levels of transparency to the health care system. In September 2001, Aetna became the first national insurer to offer a consumer-directed health plan. In August 2005, Aetna’s launch of a new online consumer tool to view physician-specific price information was widely recognized as the beginning of a new era of transparency in the health care marketplace. Aetna also led the effort to develop industry standards for electronic personal health records, which provide a new way for consumers to be more engaged in their health care.

In 2002, Mr. Williams was named President and joined Aetna’s Board. He was named CEO in February 2006 and Chairman of the Board in October 2006. Throughout his Aetna career, Mr. Williams has been outspoken in making the business case for quality in health care. He guided efforts to create Aetna’s Aexcel network to provide access to cost-effective, quality care in high-cost specialties.

Mr. Williams also is a strong proponent of meaningful health care reform. He was an early advocate in calling for an individual coverage requirement to expand access to health care and provide assistance to those who truly cannot afford it. He has championed specific reforms in op-ed articles he authored or co-authored in The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, The Financial Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Mr. Williams lends his time and expertise to a number of organizations, such as the International Federation of Health Plans, the Healthcare Leadership Council, GE Healthyimagination Advisory Committee, and the Wall Street Journal CEO Council. He serves on the Board of Directors of The Boeing Company and American Express Company. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut Science Center. Previously, he served as...
chairman of the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare from 2007-2010 and vice chairman of The Business Council from 2008 to 2010. At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he served on the MIT North America Executive Board from 2002 to 2010 and is a former member of the Alfred P. Sloan Management Society. In January 2010, he co-chaired the World Economic Forum’s Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

Prior to joining Aetna, Mr. Williams was Group President of the Large Group Division at WellPoint Health Networks Inc. and President of the company’s Blue Cross of California subsidiary. Mr. Williams joined Blue Cross of California in 1987 and accepted a series of increasingly prominent roles. Previously, Mr. Williams was co-founder and Senior Vice President at Vista Health Corp., group marketing executive at Control Data Corp., and President and co-founder of Integrative Systems.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of Roosevelt University and holds an M.S. in Management from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.