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As president and chief executive officer of The New York Times Company, you, Janet L. Robinson, are a powerful figure in the world of media as well as an inspiration to anyone striving to succeed in the business world and move up the corporate ladder.

You received your bachelor's degree in English from Salve Regina College, in Rhode Island. You then went to work as a public school teacher for 11 years before deciding, in your thirties, to enter the world of business.

In 1983 you joined the organization that would change your life and have since served there in a variety of influential positions. You served as vice president and then senior vice president for the advertising sales and marketing unit of The New York Times Company Women's Magazine Group. You went on to serve as vice president and director and then senior vice president of advertising for the company. Advancing to the position of president and general manager of the New York Times newspaper, you also served as executive vice president and chief operating officer, The New York Times Company. In this role, you led the operations of all of the company's properties, which include the New York Times, the Boston Globe, the International Herald Tribune, the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group, and broadcast and digital operations.

You spearheaded the Times's national expansion strategy and the integration of all The Times Company's newspaper and digital properties, which has, in turn, generated significant growth in revenue and earnings for the company, allowing for great improvement in editorial content, reinvestment in company businesses, and enhancing value for shareholders.

As president and CEO, you are responsible for overseeing and coordinating all of the company's print, digital, and broadcast operations and business units and for working closely with the chairman to chart the future direction of the company.

You also remain an active individual outside of the Gray Lady's domain—as chairman emeritus and a board member of The Advertising Council and the American Advertising Federation. You serve on the board of the Newspaper Association of America and are the vice chairman of the Presidential Board of Trustees of Salve Regina University. You are also a member of the Leadership Committee for The Lincoln Center Consolidated Corporate Fund and a trustee of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Numerous awards and accolades have been bestowed upon you, including being named to Forbes magazine's list of 100 Most Powerful Women in the World and cited in Fortune magazine's list of the 50 Most Powerful Women in Business.

For your many professional accomplishments in the world of journalism and media, and for being a front-page bold type inspiration to women and men in all walks of life, Pace University proudly confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto.

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