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Joel Klein

In January 2011, Joel I. Klein became CEO of the Education Division (now called Amplify) and Executive Vice President, Office of the Chairman, at News Corporation, where he also serves on the Board of Directors. Prior to that, Mr. Klein was Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education where he oversaw a system of over 1,600 schools with 1.1 million students, 136,000 employees and a \$22 billion budget. He launched Children First in 2002, a comprehensive reform strategy that has brought coherence and capacity to the system and resulted in significant increases in student performance. He is a former Chairman and CEO of Bertelsmann, Inc., a media company, and served as Assistant U.S. Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice until September 2000, and was Deputy White House Counsel to President Clinton from 1993-1995. Mr. Klein entered the Clinton administration after 20 years of public and private legal work in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Klein received his BA from Columbia University where he graduated magna cum laude in 1967, and earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1971, also graduating magna cum laude. He has received honorary degrees from Amherst College, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Fordham Law School, Georgetown Law Center, Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, Manhattanville College, New York Law School, and St. John's School of Education. He was selected by Time Magazine as one of Ten People who Mattered in 1999, by U.S. News and World Report as One of

America's 20 Best Leaders in 2006, and was given the prestigious NYU Lewis Rudin Award in 2009 and Manhattan Institute Alexander Hamilton Award in 2011.



Vartan Gregorian

Vartan Gregorian is the twelfth president of Carnegie Corporation of New York, a grant-making institution founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1911. Prior to his current position, which he assumed in June 1997, Gregorian served for nine years as the sixteenth president of Brown University.

He was born in Tabriz, Iran, of Armenian parents, receiving his elementary education in Iran and his secondary education in Lebanon. In 1956 he entered Stanford University, where he majored in history and the humanities, graduating with honors in 1958. He was awarded a Ph.D. in history and humanities from Stanford in 1964.

Gregorian has taught European and Middle Eastern history at San Francisco State College, the University of California at Los Angeles, and the University of Texas at Austin. In 1972 he joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty and was appointed Tarzian Professor of History and professor of South Asian history. He was founding dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania in 1974 and four years later became its twenty-third provost until 1981. For eight years (1981-1989), Gregorian served as a president of the New York Public Library, an institution with a network of four research libraries and eighty-three circulating libraries. In 1989 he was appointed president of Brown University.

Gregorian is the author of *The Road to Home: My Life And Times*, *Islam: A Mosaic, Not A Monolith*, and *The Emergence of Modern Afghanistan, 1880-1946*. A Phi Beta Kappa and a Ford Foundation Foreign Area Training Fellow, he is a recipient of numerous fellowships, including those from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Social Science Research Council and the American Philosophical Society. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. In 1969, he received the Danforth Foundation's E.H. Harbison Distinguished Teaching Award. He serves on the boards of the Institute for Advanced Study, The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, and the Library of Alexandria among others. He served on the boards of the Brandeis University, J. Paul Getty Trust, the Aga Khan University, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Human Rights Watch, the Museum of Modern Art, The Qatar Foundation, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He has been decorated by the French, Italian, Austrian and Portuguese governments. His numerous civic and academic honors include nearly seventy honorary degrees, including those from Brown, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the City University of New York, Rutgers, Tufts, New York University, University of Aberdeen, The Juilliard School, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fordham University, University of Notre Dame, Carnegie Mellon University, Keio University, University of Miami, University of St. Andrews and the University of Edinburgh. In 1986, Gregorian was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and in 1989 the American Academy and the Institute of Arts and Letters' Gold Medal for Service to the Arts.

In 1998, President Clinton awarded him the National Humanities Medal. In 2004, President Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civil award. In 2009, President Obama appointed him to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. He has been honored by various cultural and professional associations, including the Urban League, the League of Women Voters, the Players Club, PEN-American Center, Literacy Volunteers of New York, the American Institute of Architects and the Charles A. Dana Foundation. He has been honored by the city and state of New York, the states of Texas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, and the cities of Fresno, Austin, Providence and San Francisco.



Michael Clinton

Michael A. Clinton was named president, marketing and publishing director of Hearst Magazines in June 2010. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Hearst Corporation. Formerly, Clinton was the executive vice president, chief marketing officer and publishing director of Hearst Magazines, a position he had held since January 2001.

His responsibilities include overseeing the publishing side of Hearst titles: *Car and Driver*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Country Living*, *ELLE*, *ELLE DECOR*, *Esquire*, *Food Network Magazine*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Harper's BAZAAR*, *HGTV Magazine*, *House Beautiful*, *Marie Claire*, *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Redbook*, *Road & Track*, *Seventeen*, *Town&Country*, *Woman's Day* and *Veranda*. In addition, Clinton oversees all digital, iPad/tablet, corporate sales and marketing, brand development and advertiser e-commerce initiatives for Hearst Magazines.

Clinton joined Hearst in October 1997 as senior vice president, chief marketing officer, and added group publisher responsibility for five titles, including Esquire and House Beautiful, in 1998. Prior to his time at Hearst, Clinton was executive vice president of Condé Nast Publications, where he oversaw sales and marketing for the company's 15 national titles, including Vogue, Vanity Fair and Architectural Digest. Prior to that, as Condé Nast's senior vice president of group sales and marketing, Clinton revamped the company's multi-title sales and marketing organization, which accounted for 50 percent of its total revenue.

Clinton spent a total of 10 years at GQ magazine, including six years as publisher—at the time, the company's youngest publisher. He delivered the three most profitable years in the magazine's history up to that time, and oversaw the launch of GQ in the U.K. and Japan. Before joining GQ as advertising manager, Clinton was at Fairchild Publications, in both editorial and ad management positions.

Clinton is the founder and president of the non-profit organization, Circle of Generosity. He has served as chairman of the board of the Volunteers of America, as well as on the boards of The Starlight Foundation and Lifetime Television Network. Clinton has led expeditions to Nepal, Patagonia, and to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Starlight. He also serves as a trustee for the International Center of Photography. In addition, he is chairman of the MPA – Association of Magazine Media. The Pitt News, the campus newspaper of his alma mater, honored him by creating the Michael Clinton Award for Distinguished Service in Publishing, in his name. Clinton is an avid traveler and photographer. He has held a number of gallery exhibitions. He is the author of six books, Wanderlust: 100 Countries, A Personal Journey, a collection of essays and photographs from all seven continents; Global Snaps; Global Faces; American Portraits from 100 Countries; Global Remains; and The Globetrotter Diaries (all published by Glitterati, Inc.).

Clinton graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's in economics and political science from the University of Pittsburgh, and earned his M.B.A. from Pace University's Lubin Graduate School of Business.

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