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Ginni Rometty, Former Chairman, President, and CEO, IBM



Secretary Scott Bessent, United States Secretary of the Treasury

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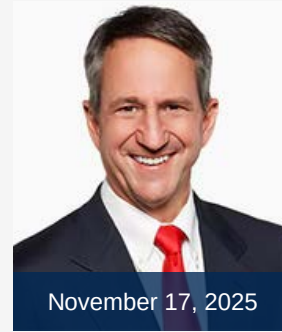
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October 9, 2025

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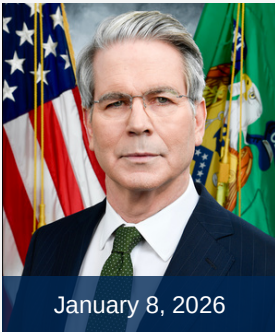
Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System



November 17, 2025

Christophe Beck

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



January 8, 2026

Secretary Scott Bessent

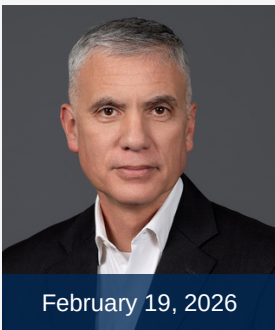
United States Secretary of the Treasury



May 11, 2026

Dr. Donald Boudreaux

Professor of Economics, George Mason University



February 19, 2026

Gen. Paul M. Nakasone

Retired Four-star General, U.S. Army



April 9, 2026

Minister Mari Pangestu

Recipient of the 2025 Bill Frenzel
Champion of Free Trade Award

Trade and Tariff Tales

September 25, 2025



Alejandra Bologna Zubikarai

Consul General of Mexico in St. Paul



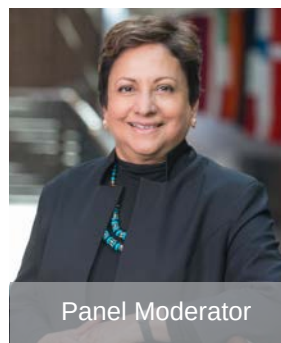
Richard Hyde

His Majesty's Consul General for Chicago



Beth Richardson

Consul General of Canada in Minneapolis



Dr. Sri Zaheer

Professor & Dean Emerita, University of Minnesota; Director, Economic Club of MN

The Geopolitical Power of Agriculture

March 30, 2026



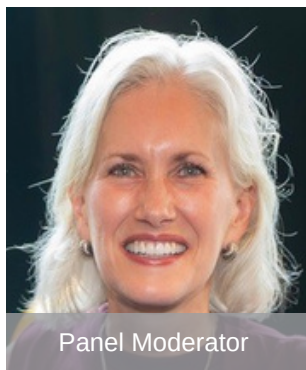
Jay Debertin

President & CEO, CHS



Tom Halverson

CEO, CoBank



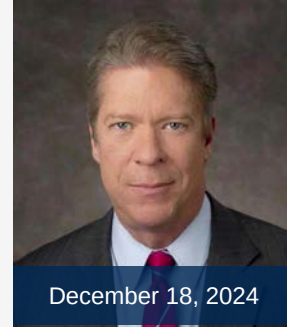
Jeanne Crain

Retired President & CEO, Bremer Financial Corp

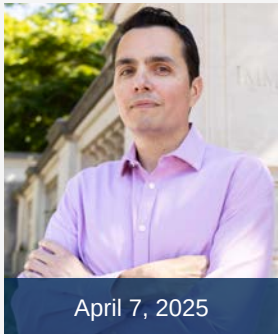
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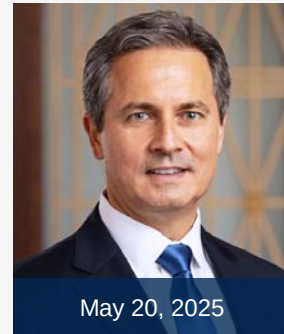
The Hon. Kevin Brady
Recipient of the *2024 Bill Frenzel*
Champion of Free Trade Award



Major Garrett
Chief Washington Correspondent,
CBS News



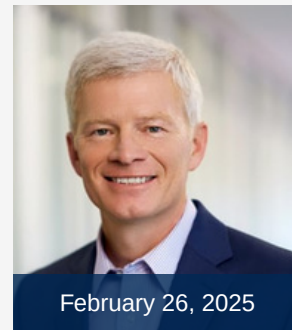
Zeke Hernandez
Max & Bernice Garchik Family Presidential
Professor, The Wharton School



Alberto Musalem
President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of St. Louis



Michael Sheldrick
Co-Founder, Global Citizen



Brian Sikes
Board Chair, President, & CEO,
Cargill

Economic Ecosystem of Minnesota Healthcare

October 9, 2024



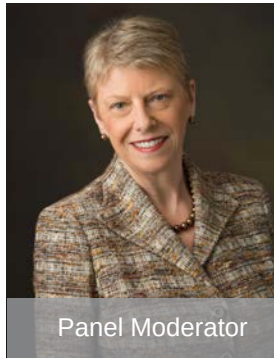
Rahul Koranne

President & CEO, Minnesota Hospital
Association



Andrea Walsh

President & CEO, HealthPartners



Jeannine Rivet

Retired EVP, UnitedHealth Group; Director
& Secretary, Economic Club of Minnesota

America's Fiscal Challenges

November 21, 2024



Maya MacGuineas

President, Committee for a
Responsible Federal Budget



Chris Farrell

Senior Economics Contributor,
Marketplace, American Public Media

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September 22, 2023

Corie Barry

CEO, Best Buy



April 23, 2024

Alan Gogbashian

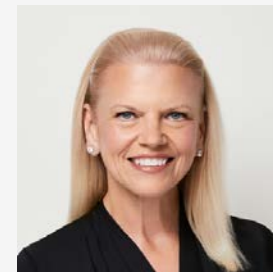
His Majesty's Consul General for
Chicago



May 10, 2024

Austan Goolsbee

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of Chicago



February 12, 2024

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Senator Pat Toomey

Recipient of the 2023
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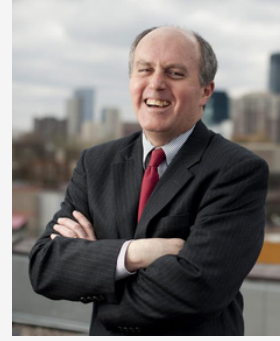
Balancing In-Person & Remote Work

October 18, 2023



Kelly Baker

Executive Vice President & Chief
Human Resources Officer, Thrivent



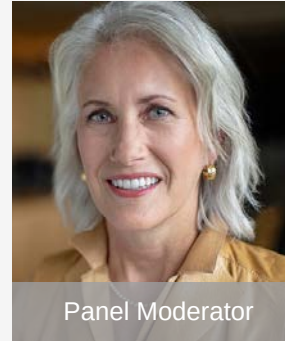
Steve Cramer

President & CEO, Mpls Downtown Council
& Downtown Improvement District



Doug Fulton

Principal, Avison Young



Panel Moderator

Jeanne Crain

President & CEO, Bremer
Financial Corporation

Leadership in Uncertain Times

November 3, 2023



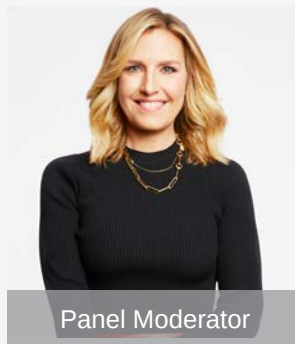
Bill George

Former Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer, Medtronic



Neel Kashkari

President & CEO, Federal
Reserve Bank of Minneapolis



Panel Moderator

Poppy Harlow

Anchor, CNN

Navigating U.S. – China Strategic Competition

December 15, 2023



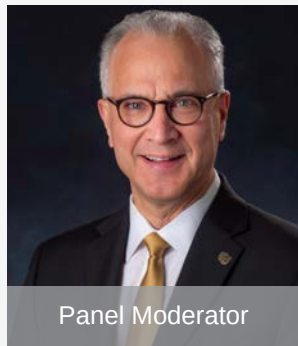
Zongyuan Zoe Liu

Maurice R. Greenberg Fellow for China Studies, Council on Foreign Relations



Sahra English

Managing Director, Global Government Affairs, Citi



Mark Kennedy

Director, Wilson Center's Wahba Institute for Strategic Competition

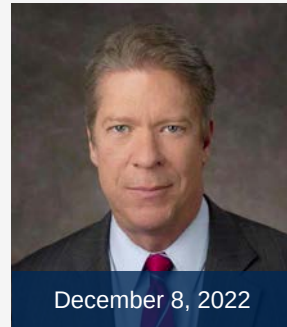
SEASON 2022-2023



May 5, 2023

James Bullard

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of St. Louis



December 8, 2022

Major Garrett

Chief Washington Correspondent,
CBS News



March 8, 2023

Arancha González

Dean, Paris School of International Affairs at
Sciences Po; *Recipient of the 2022
Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award*



February 3, 2023

Amb. Marc Nathanson

U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of
Norway, U.S. Embassy

The Current Business Conditions and Impact of U.S. Based Japanese Investment

January 18, 2023



Hiroyuki Nemoto

Chief Executive Director, Japan
External Trade Organization Chicago



Ralph Inforzato

Special Advisor, Japan External
Trade Organization Chicago

Supply Chain Panel Discussion

September 8, 2022



Julian Chase

Business Operations and Supply Chain,
Chief Transformation Officer, Cargill



Jacinth Smiley

EVP & CFO, Hormel Foods



Phil Donaldson

EVP & CFO,
Andersen Corporation



Panel Moderator

Kate Kelly

EVP & Regional President,
PNC Bank

Our Energy Future

November 18, 2022



Emma Bishop

Assistant Vice President, Venn Strategies



Dr. Jim Bowyer

Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota



Brittany Zwierzchowski Tisler

COO & Interim CEO, Conservative
Energy Network



Panel Moderator

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Founder & Principal, Fluence Media

The Global Food Crisis

September 8, 2022



Amb. Ertharin Cousin

Founder & CEO, Food Systems
for the Future



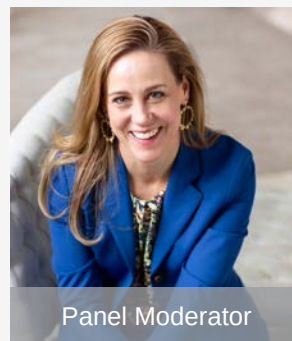
Dan Glickman

Senior Counselor, International Advisory
Council Chair, APCO Worldwide



Peter Ceretti

Director, Geostrategy,
Eurasia Group



Panel Moderator

Devry Boughner Vorwerk

Founder & CEO, DevryBV Sustainable
Strategies, LLC

MN's Future Economy - Post Legislative Session

June 21, 2023



Rep. Lisa Demuth

House Minority Leader, MN House
of Representatives



Sen. Nick Frentz

Assistant Majority Leader,
MN Senate



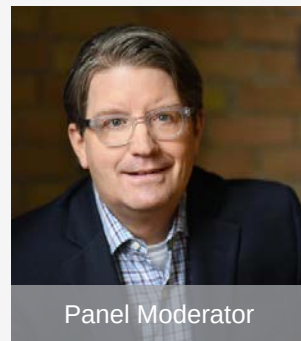
Sen. Eric Pratt

Senate, MN Senate



Rep. Aisha Gomez

Representative, MN
House of Representatives



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Founder & Principal,
Fluence Media

SEASON 2021-2022



April 14, 2022

The Rt. Hon. James Cleverly, MP

Minister of State in the Foreign,
Commonwealth & Development Office



March 8, 2022

Amb. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.

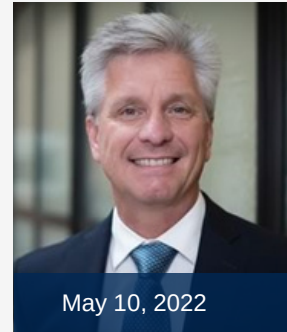
Vice Chair, Policy, Ford; **Recipient of the 2021
Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**



October 20, 2021

Minister Ville Skinnari

Minister for Development Cooperation
and Foreign Trade of Finland



May 10, 2022

Gov. Chris Waller

Board of Governors,
Federal Reserve System

Small Business Diversity Summit

November 16, 2021



Renay Dossman

President, Neighborhood Development
Center



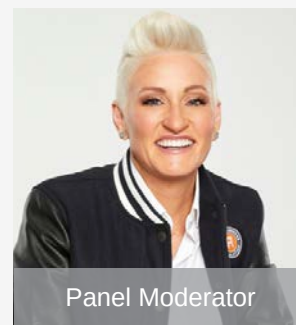
Tameka Jones

Founder & CEO, Lip Esteem



Kenya McKnight Ahad

Founder, Black Women's Wealth Alliance



Panel Moderator

Amanda Brinkman

Chief Brand Officer, Deluxe

Walking the Talk of Diversity Investment

September 28, 2021



Dr. Paul Campbell

Co-founder & Managing Partner, Brown
Venture Group, LLC



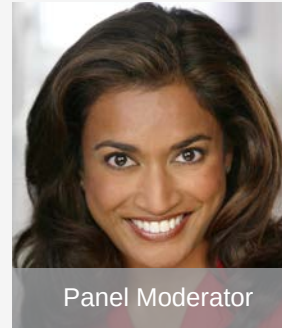
Sri Zaheer

Dean, Carlson School of Management,
University of Minnesota



Mark Irvin

Chief Inclusion, Diversity and
Talent Officer, Best Buy



Panel Moderator

Roshini Rajkumar

Executive Crisis Coach,
Roshini Multi-Media

The Rural Voice

January 25, 2022



Kelly Asche

Research Associate, Center for Rural
Policy and Development



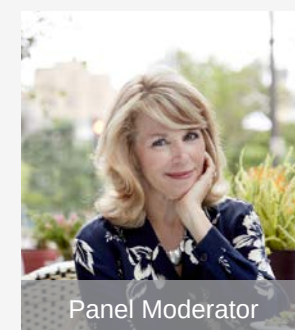
Benya Kraus

Founder & Executive Director,
Lead for Minnesota



Teresa Kittridge

Founder, 100 Rural Women

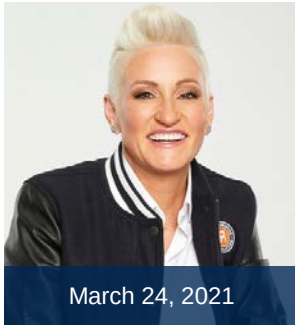


Panel Moderator

Kerri Miller

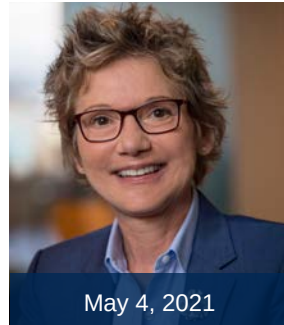
Journalist, Minnesota Public Radio

SEASON 2020-2021



Amanda Brinkman

Chief Brand Officer, Deluxe



Mary Daly

President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank
of San Francisco



Amb. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.

Former Ambassador to China



Antony Phillipson

British Consul General in New York; Her Majesty's
Trade Commissioner for North America

The Future of Work & Business

September 18, 2020



Dr. Richard Migliori

EVP & Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealth Group



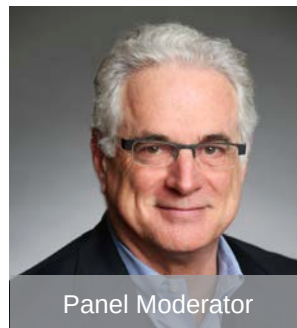
Christine Sovereign

Senior Managing Director, Accenture



Jack Uldrich

Global Futurist,
The School of Unlearning



Chris Farrell

Senior Economics Contributor,
Marketplace, American Public Media

U.S. Mexico Partnership

November 23, 2020



**Ambassador Gerónimo
Gutiérrez Fernández**

Former Ambassador of Mexico (2017-2018)



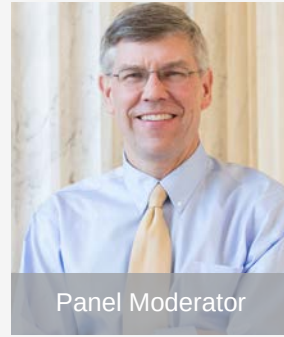
**Ambassador
James Jones**

Former Ambassador to Mexico (1993-1997)



**Ambassador Arturo
Sarukhán Casamitjana**

Former Ambassador of Mexico (2007-2013)



Erik Paulsen

Director, Economic Club of Minnesota

Post-Election Discussion

December 17, 2020



Senator Amy Klobuchar

United States Senate



Congressman Tom Emmer

U.S. House of Representatives



Major Garrett

Chief Washington Correspondent, CBS News

The Post-Pandemic Workplace. Has it changed forever?

February 22, 2021



Angela Christman

Sr. Director, HR Strategy, Marvin



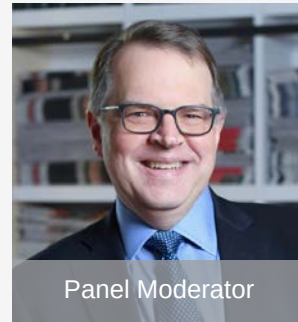
Darin Lynch

Founder & CEO, Irish Titan



Dr. Craig Samitt

President & CEO, Blue Cross and
Blue Shield of Minnesota



Dirk DeYoung

Editor, *Minneapolis/St. Paul
Business Journal*

SEASON 2019-2020



Col. Bob Cabana

Director, NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center



Beth Ford

President & CEO, Land O'Lakes



Steve Grove

Commissioner, DEED



Kevin Hassett

Former Chair, Council of Economic Advisers

Webinar: Our Economy and Health in Crisis

May 14, 2020



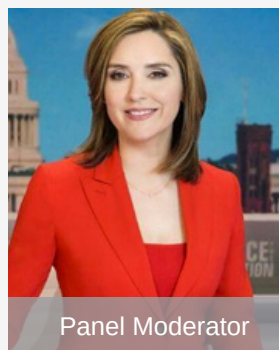
Neel Kashkari

President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis



Dr. Michael Osterholm

Director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota



Panel Moderator

Margaret Brennan

Host, "Face the Nation," CBS News

Free Trade Panel Discussion

Honoring Recipients of the
2019 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award

December 3, 2019



Congressman Mike Gallagher
U.S. House of Representatives



Congressman Ron Kind
U.S. House of Representatives

Free Trade Panelists



Devry Boughner Vorwerk
CEO, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies



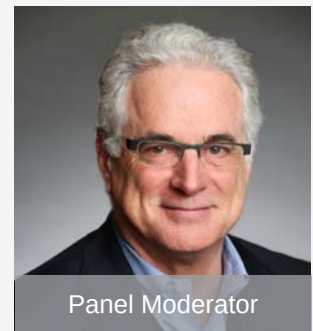
Tami Overby
Senior Director, McLarty Associates



Kevin Paap
President, Minnesota
Farm Bureau



Kenneth Smith Ramos
Mexico's Former Chief
Negotiator for NAFTA



Chris Farrell
Senior Economics Contributor,
Marketplace, American
Public Media

Water Summit

How Minnesota Can Lead in a Water-Scarce World

September 6, 2019



Doug Baker

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



Richard Damanian

Senior Economic Advisor, Water Practice,
World Bank Group



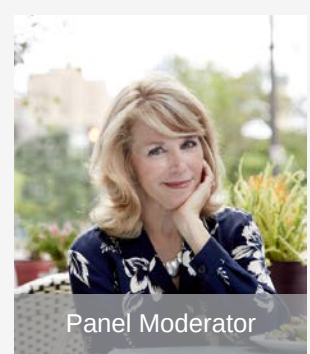
Dr. Bonnie Keeler

Assistant Professor, Humphrey
School of Public Affairs,
University of Minnesota



HP Nanda

Global Vice President & General
Manager - Water Solutions,
DuPont



Kerri Miller

Host, MPR News

SEASON 2018-2019



October 29, 2018

David Birch

Advisor on Fintech & Digital Financial Services



April 2, 2019

His Excellency Ron Dermer

Israel's Ambassador to the United States



December 18, 2018

Major Garrett

Chief Washington Correspondent,
CBS News



May 14, 2019

Esther George

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of Kansas City



October 2, 2018

J. Christopher Giancarlo

Chairman, U.S. Commodity Futures
Trading Commission



November 27, 2018

Sec. Carlos Gutierrez

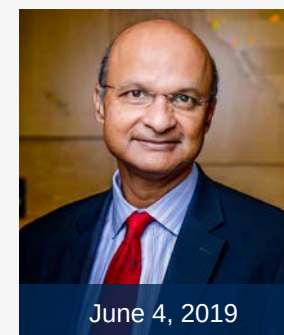
Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce 2005-2009; **Recipient
of 2018 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**



February 19, 2019

Steve Nelson

CEO, UnitedHealthcare



June 4, 2019

Omar Ishrak

Chairman & CEO, Medtronic

Food Security Summit

September 7, 2018



Keynote Address

David Beasley

Executive Director, World Food Programme



Beth Ford

President & CEO, Land O'Lakes



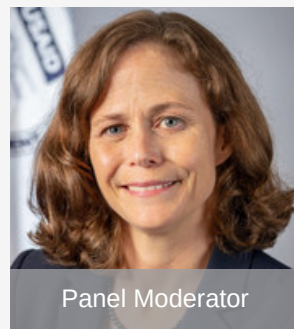
Jeff Harmening

Chairman & CEO, General Mills



Joe Stone

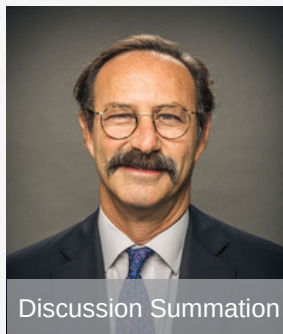
Executive Vice President & Chief Risk Officer, Cargill



Panel Moderator

Beth Dunford

Assistant to the Administrator, USAID; Deputy Coordinator for Development, Feed the Future



Discussion Summation

Richard Leach

President & CEO, World Food Program USA

SEASON 2017-2018



June 19, 2018

Brian Cornell

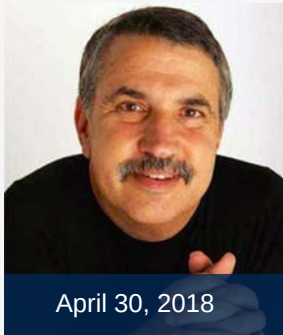
Chairman & CEO, Target Corporation



October 12, 2017

David Farr

Chairman & CEO, Emerson



April 30, 2018

Tom Friedman

Foreign Affairs Columnist, *The New York Times*



April 18, 2018

Omar Ishrak

Chairman & CEO, Medtronic



September 22, 2017

His Excellency Sauli Niinistö

President, Republic of Finland



December 1, 2017

Governor Tim Pawlenty

President & CEO, Financial
Services Roundtable



May 15, 2018

Dr. John C. Williams

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of San Francisco

Assessing & Addressing Cybersecurity Threats

March 13, 2018



Antonio Enriquez

Cyber Security Advisor – Region V, U.S.
Department of Homeland Security



Michael Kearns

VP – Business Information Security
Officer, U.S. Bank



Michael Krause

Supervisory Special Agent, FBI

Super Bowl Panel

November 15, 2017



Alexis Glick

CEO, GENYOUth



Tod Leiweke

COO, NFL



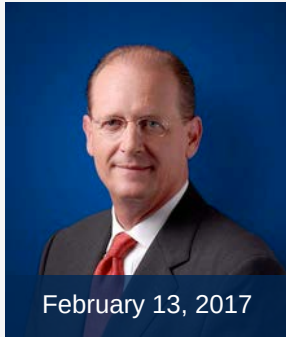
Doug Baker

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab

Mark Wilf

Owner & President, Minnesota Vikings

SEASON 2016-2017



February 13, 2017

Richard Anderson

Retired Executive Chairman, Delta



October 14, 2016

Congressman Kevin Brady

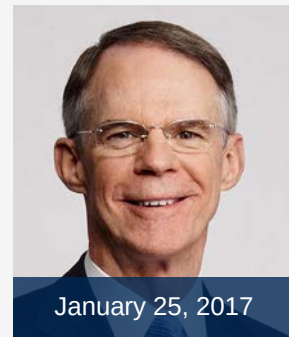
Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee



June 8, 2017

Doug Baker

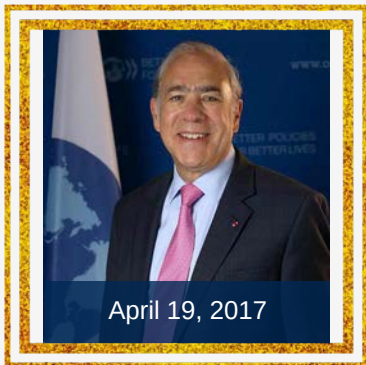
Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



January 25, 2017

Richard Davis

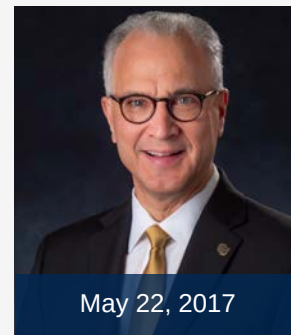
Chairman & CEO, U.S. Bancorp



April 19, 2017

The Hon. José Ángel Gurría

Secretary-General, OECD; **Recipient of 2017
Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**



May 22, 2017

The Hon. Mark Kennedy

Co-Founder & Chairman, Economic
Club of Minnesota



November 17, 2016

The Hon. Jun-ichiro Kuroda

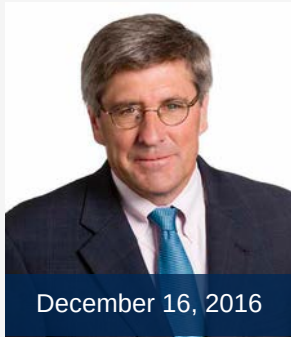
Minister for Economy, Trade, Industry &
Energy, Japanese Embassy



May 18, 2017

Dr. Loretta Mester

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of Cleveland



Steven Moore

Senior Economic Advisor,
Trump Campaign



Amy Walter

National Editor, *The Cook
Political Report*



Dr. John Noseworthy

President & CEO, Mayo Clinic



Ambassador Robert Zoellick

Former President, World Bank; **Recipient of
2017 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**

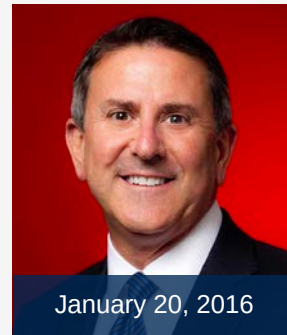
SEASON 2015-2016



November 10, 2015

Dr. Ian Bremmer

President & Founder, Eurasia Group



January 20, 2016

Brian Cornell

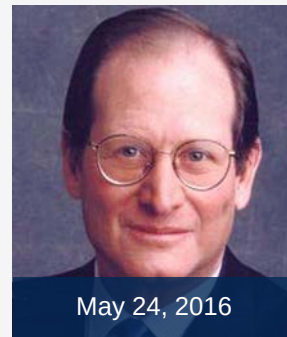
Chairman & CEO, Target Corporation



March 17, 2016

Ambassador Michael B. Froman

United States Trade Representative; *Recipient of 2016 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award*



May 24, 2016

Ben Heineman

Former General Counsel,
General Electric



May 9, 2016

Neel Kashkari

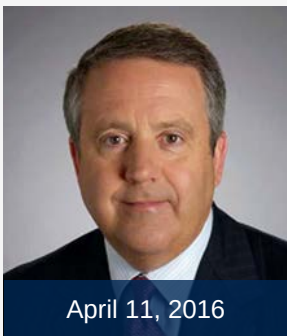
President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of Minneapolis



June 7, 2016

Ken Powell

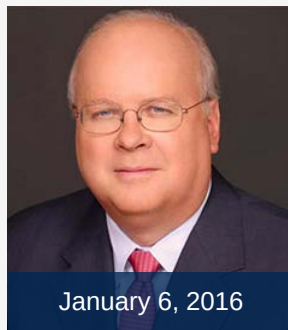
Chairman & CEO, General Mills



April 11, 2016

Matt Rose

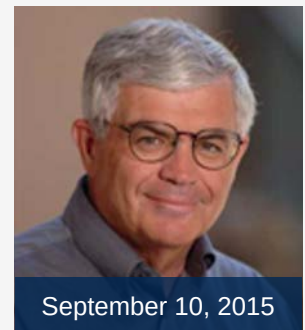
Executive Chairman, BNSF
Railway Company



January 6, 2016

Karl Rove

Former Deputy Chief of Staff
to President George W. Bush



September 10, 2015

Dr. John B. Taylor

Professor of Economics,
Stanford University

Food Security Summit

Panel I: Filling the World's Plate

October 30, 2015



Doug Baker

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



David MacLennan

Chairman, President, and CEO, Cargill



Joc O'Rourke

President & CEO, The Mosaic Company



Chris Policinski

President & CEO, Land O'Lakes

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Jeff Harmening

EVP & COO, General Mills



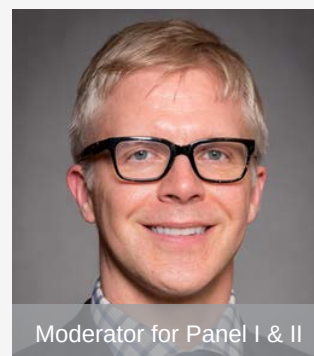
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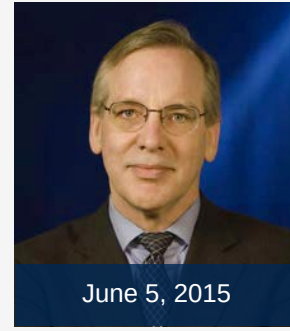
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Doug Baker

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



June 5, 2015

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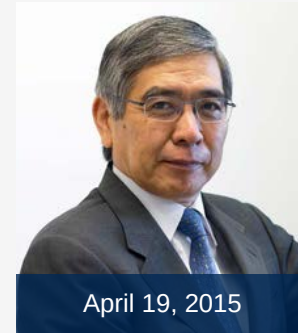
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Bank of New York



April 13, 2015

Ambassador Carla A. Hills

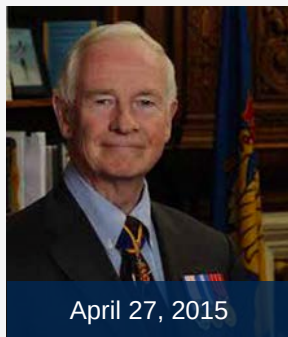
Former U.S. Trade Representative; *Recipient of
2015 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award*



April 19, 2015

The Hon. Haruhiko Kuroda

Governor, The Bank of Japan



April 27, 2015

**His Excellency The Right
Honourable David Johnston**

Governor General, Canada



July 23, 2015

David MacLennan

Chairman, President, and CEO, Cargill



October 30, 2014

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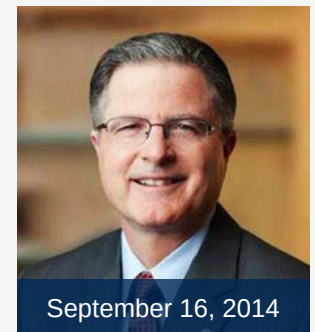
Chairman & CEO, Taylor
Corporation



February 4, 2015

Jay Timmons

President & CEO, National
Association of Manufacturers



September 16, 2014

John Watson

Chairman of the Board & CEO,
Chevron Corporation

Risky Business: The Economic Risks of Climate Change

January 23, 2015



Greg Page

Executive Chairman, Cargill



The Hon. Henry Paulson, Jr.

Former Secretary of the Treasury (2006-2009)

Post-Election Analysis

November 11, 2014



Mark Penn

Former Pollster for President Bill Clinton



Dr. Jan van Lohuizen

Former Pollster for President George W. Bush

SEASON 2013-2014



September 23, 2013

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Founder, Crosby



February 20, 2014

Dr. Doug Elmendorf

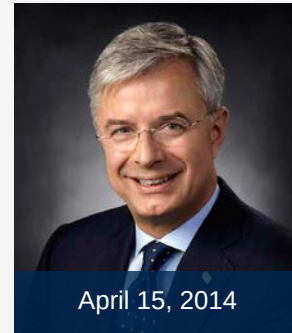
Director, Congressional Budget Office



October 25, 2013

Ambassador Mark Green

President and CEO, Initiative for Global Development;
Former U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania



April 15, 2014

Hubert Joly

President & CEO, Best Buy



May 21, 2014

Dr. Narayana Kocherlakota

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of Minneapolis



November 23, 2013

Tom Nides

Managing Director & Vice Chairman,
Morgan Stanley



July 12, 2013

Congressman John Shimkus

U.S. House of Representatives



May 15, 2014

Patricia Woertz

Chairman & CEO, Archer Daniels Midland

20th Anniversary of NAFTA Conference

January 28, 2014



Dr. Luis de la Calle

Former Minister of Trade, Mexican Embassy



His Excellency Gary Doer

Former Ambassador of Canada
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Former Special Advisor on Trade to President Clinton;
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Former Chief of Staff to President Clinton



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The Hon. Erik Paulsen

U.S. House of Representatives



The Hon. John Weekes

Canada's Former Chief Negotiator
for NAFTA



Amb. Robert Zoellick

Former President, World Bank

SEASON 2012-2013



Dr. Agustín Carstens

Governor, Bank of Mexico



Major Garrett

White House Correspondent,
National Journal & CBS News



Senator Amy Klobuchar

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President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston



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Premier of Manitoba



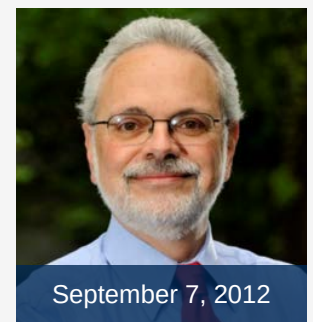
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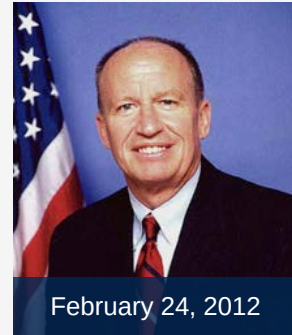
Economics Editor, *The Wall
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SEASON 2011-2012



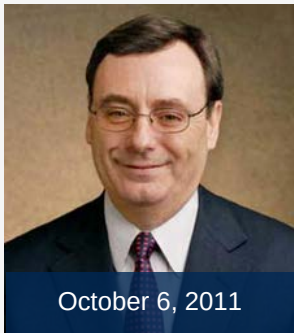
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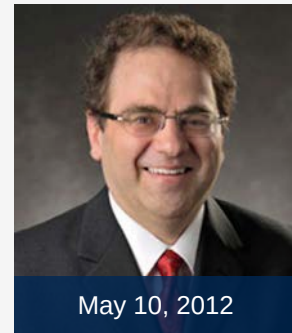
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U.S. House of Representatives



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Chairman, President, & CEO, 3M



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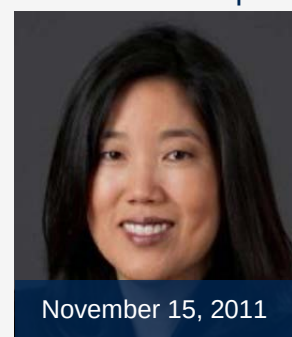
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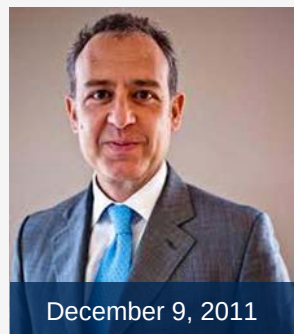
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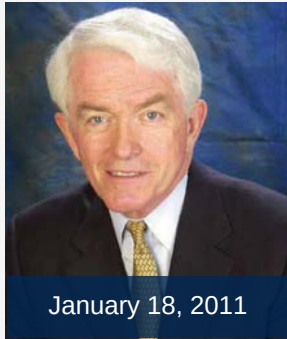
Founder & CEO, StudentsFirst



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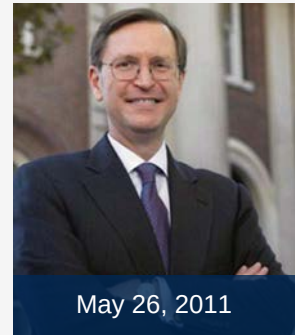
Richard Fisher

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of Dallas



Ann Fudge

Member, National Commission on Fiscal
Responsibility and Reform; Former Chairman
& CEO, Young & Rubicam



Dr. R. Glenn Hubbard

Dean, Columbia Business School;
Former Chair, Council of Economic Advisers



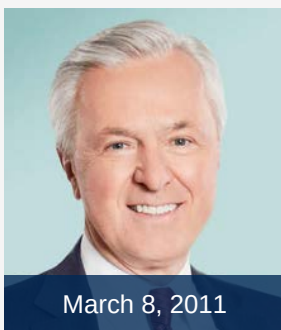
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Professor, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth



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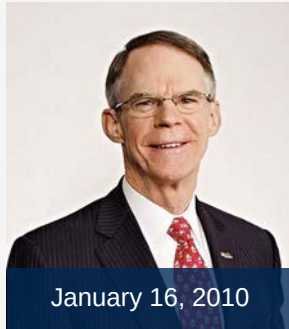
Chairman, President & CEO, Wells Fargo



Ambassador Robert Zoellick

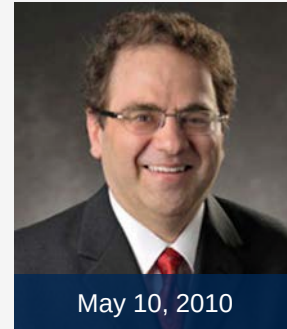
President, World Bank

SEASON 2009-2010



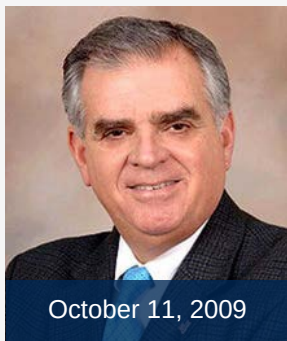
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Chairman & CEO, U.S. Bancorp



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Bank of Minneapolis



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U.S. Secretary of Transportation



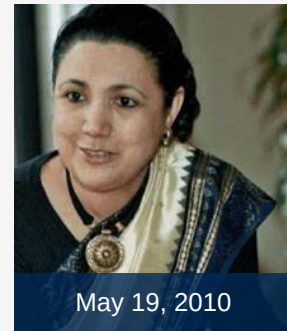
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Chair in Economics, W.P. Carey School
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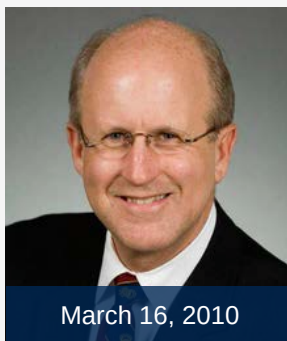
Congressman Paul Ryan

U.S. House of Representatives



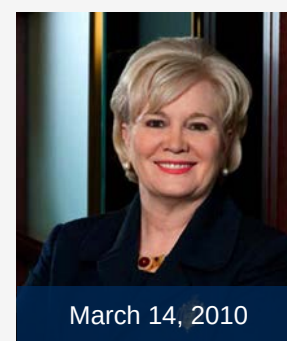
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Ambassador of India to the United States



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President & CEO, Peterson Foundation



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President, Council on Competitiveness

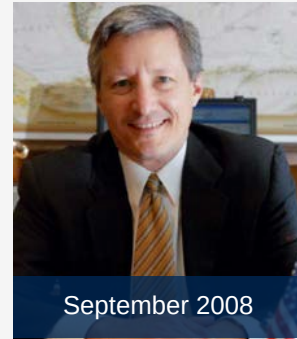
SEASON 2008-2009



October 2008

The Right Hon. Liam Fox

Former Minister of Defence, United Kingdom



September 2008

Brian Gunderson

Former Chief of Staff to Condoleezza Rice,
U.S. State Department



April 2009

Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger

Former German Ambassador to the United States



March 26, 2009

Dr. Gary Stern

President & CEO, Federal Reserve
Bank of Minneapolis