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Chancellor, The University of Texas System James "JB" Milliken Friday, January 17, 2025 Hilton Naples

James "JB" Milliken is a national leader in public higher education with more than 30 years of experience. As chancellor, he oversees one of the largest public university systems in the United States, comprised of 14 academic and health institutions, including seven medical schools and five Carnegie R1 research universities. UT institutions enroll more than 256,000 students and employ more than 122,000 faculty, healthcare professionals, researchers, support staff, and student workers. Total annual research expenditures across the UT institutions exceeds \$4.3 billion, and the UT System ranks No. 1 in Texas and No. 2 in the nation in federal research expenditures among public higher education systems.

As a sought-after voice in public higher education leadership, he is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Council on Foreign Relations. Milliken serves on boards of directors of the Permian Strategic Partnership, the American Council on Education, the University of Texas Investment Management Company, and the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute. He also serves on Governor Abbott's Texas Economic Development Corporation's CEO Council.

Before joining the UT System, Milliken served as the chancellor of The City University of New York (CUNY), the largest urban university system in the country, president of the University of Nebraska, and senior vice president of the University of North Carolina. Prior to his higher education career, he practiced law on Wall Street.

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Cofounder and CEO, Zillow Group Founder, Expedia Richard N. Barton Friday, January 31, 2025 Hilton Naples

Richard Barton is the co-founder and co-executive chairman of Zillow, a company transforming how people buy, sell, rent, and finance homes. Rich has been a member of Zillow's Board since its inception in 2004, and served as chief executive officer from inception until 2010, as executive chairman from 2010 until 2019, and again as chief executive officer from 2019 to 2024.

Before Zillow, Rich founded Expedia within Microsoft in 1994 and successfully spun the company out as a public company in 1999. He served as president, CEO and board director of Expedia from 1999 until 2003. He also co-founded and served as non-executive

chairman of Glassdoor from 2007 to 2018.

Rich was a venture partner at Benchmark Capital from 2005 until 2018. He's served on several private and public company boards and continues to be a board director for Netflix, Qurate, Stanford Board of Trustees and Zillow Group. He earned a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering: Industrial Economics from Stanford University.

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#### **GOVERNOR GLENN YOUNGKIN**

November 15, 2024

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#### MICHAEL PILLSBURY

**December 6, 2024** 

Senior Fellow, Heritage Foundation, China

#### J.B. MILLIKEN

January 17, 2025

Chancellor of The University of Texas

### RICHARD N. BARTON

January 31, 2025

Cofounder and CEO, Zillow Group

Founder, Expedia

### MARIA SNEGOVAYA, Ph.D.

February 7, 2025

Senior Fellow, Europe, Russia and Eurasia

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

### **GENERAL BRYAN FENTON**

February 21, 2025

Cmdr., U.S. Special Ops. Command

#### GIANRICO FARRUGIA, M.D.

March 7, 2025

President & CEO Mayo Clinic

#### **GENERAL TIMOTHY RAY**

March 18, 2025

USAF Retired, Commander, Global Strike Command

#### **CAROL TOMÉ**

March 28, 2025

CEO, UPS

#### **JAMES D. FARLEY**

**April 10, 2025** 

President & CEO, Ford Motor Company

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- Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields such as academia, business, economics, finance, government, health, international relations, media and the arts, science and technology
- Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards
- Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County.
- Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students

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