

2007 Selection Jury

The Broad Prize Selection Jury, comprised of nationally prominent leaders from business, industry, government and public service, chooses the winner of The Broad Prize after reviewing quantitative and qualitative data on each finalist school district, provided by MPR Associates and SchoolWorks. This year's Selection Jury consisted of the following nine members:

John Engler, president and CEO, National Association of Manufacturers and former governor of Michigan

John Engler is president and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association. As president of NAM, Engler is a leading advocate for the more than 14 million Americans employed directly in manufacturing, educating the public and policymakers on issues that affect this critical sector of the U.S. economy. A former three-term governor of Michigan from 1990 to 2002, Engler made improving education Michigan's top priority. During his tenure, more than 180 charter schools were set up and every Michigan child received a foundation grant to the school of his or her choice. Engler is also co-founder of The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems, a national effort dedicated to improving student achievement by recruiting, training and supporting executive leadership talent from across America to become the next generation of urban school district leaders.

Susan Hockfield, president, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The 16th president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a noted neuroscientist, Susan Hockfield is the first life scientist to lead the university. She also holds a faculty appointment as professor of neuroscience in the department of brain and cognitive sciences, is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is a trustee of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Before assuming the presidency of MIT, she was provost at Yale University, where she taught and served as dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. After earning her Ph.D. from the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Hockfield served as a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, and then joined the scientific staff at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

James Hunt, Jr., chairman of the board, James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy and former governor of North Carolina

James Hunt, Jr. is currently a partner in the Raleigh, N.C., office of the law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice and chairman of the board of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy. A four-term governor of North Carolina from 1977 to 1985 and again from 1993 to 2001, Hunt is a respected national leader in education reform. During his 16 years as governor, he dramatically raised North Carolina's student test scores and ensured that teacher salaries were raised to match the national average. A strong supporter of high standards in public schools, Hunt served as chairman of the National Education Goals Panel and vice chairman of the board of Achieve. He also published a book outlining his plan and describing his own experiences with public education, called "First in America: An Education Governor Challenges North Carolina."

Shirley Ann Jackson, president, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

The 18th president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Shirley Ann Jackson has held senior leadership positions in government, industry, research and academia. She was appointed chairwoman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission by President William J. Clinton. From 1995 to 1999, she reorganized the agency and completely revamped its regulatory approach. Prior to that, she was a theoretical physicist at the former AT&T Bell Laboratories and a professor of theoretical physics at Rutgers University.

Roderick Paige, chairman and founder, Chartwell Education Group and former U.S. Secretary of Education

Roderick Paige currently serves as chairman and founder of the Chartwell Education Group, a firm working to advance the systemic improvement of education domestically and globally through providing education-related consulting services to state and local government, foundations, corporations and even countries seeking American education as a model. Building on a long and distinguished career in public education, Paige was the first school superintendent ever to serve as U.S. Secretary of Education. Serving under President George W. Bush's first term, Paige played a critical role in the passage and implementation of the historic No Child Left Behind legislation. In 1994, after leading reform for four years as a member of the Houston board of education, Paige became superintendent of the Houston Independent School District. In 2001, he was named National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators. In 2002, he received the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. That same year, Houston won the inaugural Broad Prize. Prior to joining Houston Independent School District, Paige served for a decade as dean of the College of Education at Texas Southern University.

Hugh Price, senior fellow, The Brookings Institution, and former president and CEO, National Urban League

Hugh Price is a senior fellow at The Brookings Institution, the nation's oldest think-tank. From 1994 to 2003, Price served as president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League, the oldest and largest community-based movement empowering African-Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. A graduate of Yale Law School, Price has held positions as an attorney, a human resources administrator for the city of New Haven, Conn., a member of the editorial board of *The New York Times*, senior vice president of WNET/Thirteen, the nation's largest public television station, and vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, where he supervised all grant-making in the fields of urban school reform and equal opportunity.

Richard W. Riley, partner, Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough LLP, former U.S. Secretary of Education and former governor of South Carolina

Richard Riley is currently a partner in the law firm Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough. As governor of South Carolina during the 1980s, Riley won national recognition for successfully improving the state's educational system. He became the first governor in South Carolina history to be elected to a second term after voters passed an amendment to the constitution allowing him to run a second time. Riley was then chosen by President William J. Clinton in 1992 to serve as U.S. Secretary of Education. During his eight-year tenure, Riley helped launch historic initiatives to raise academic standards and improve instruction for poor and disadvantaged children. He also expanded grant and loan programs to help more Americans attend college, prepare young people for the world of work and improve teaching. Since leaving his national post in 2001, Riley continues to serve on a number of boards and work with a variety of entities to improve education across America.

Andrew Stern, international president, Service Employees International Union

Andrew Stern is the international president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the fastest-growing labor union in North America. The SEIU represents more than 1.8 million working families, including health care workers, education workers and other public service employees, as well as building service and security workers. As a labor leader and activist, Stern is a leading voice and aggressive advocate for practical solutions to achieve economic opportunity and justice for workers. Stern began working as a social service worker and member of SEIU Local 668 in 1973 and rose through the ranks before his election as SEIU president in 1996. After launching a national debate about the fundamental change needed to unite the nine out of 10 American workers who have no organization at work, Stern led SEIU out of the AFL-CIO and founded Change to Win, a new 6 million-member federation of seven major unions dedicated to giving workers a voice at their jobs. Stern is the author of the book, "A Country That Works."

Mark Warner, honorary chair, Forward Together and former governor of Virginia

Mark Warner is currently the honorary chair of Forward Together, a federal leadership political action committee. As governor of Virginia from 2002 to 2006, Warner made education a priority. Turning around an inherited \$6 billion state budget shortfall, he used the resulting surplus to make the largest single investment in K-12 public education in Virginia's history and to reinvest in Virginia's premier public college and university system. While in office, Warner chaired the National Governors Association and led a national high school reform effort to meet the challenges of a global economy. A former high-tech business executive, Warner co-founded the company that became Nextel. He also co-founded Columbia Capital, the largest technology-based venture capital fund in the mid-Atlantic.