

2009 Selection Jury

The Broad Prize selection jury, comprised of nationally prominent leaders from education, government, public service and business, chooses the winner of The Broad Prize. The selection jury reviews quantitative and qualitative data on each finalist school district, provided by MPR Associates and SchoolWorks, and selects as the winner of The Broad Prize the urban school district that demonstrates the best overall performance and improvement in student achievement while narrowing income and ethnic achievement gaps. This year's selection jury consisted of the following eight members:

Henry Cisneros, chairman and CEO, CityView America

Henry Cisneros is founder, chairman and chief executive officer of CityView America, a company dedicated to funding homes for working families. Previously, Cisneros was president and chief operating officer of Univision Communications in Los Angeles, the largest Spanish-language media company in the nation. In 1993, he became President Bill Clinton's first secretary of housing and urban development. Cisneros became the first Hispanic mayor of a major U.S. city when he was elected mayor of San Antonio in 1981. During his four terms as mayor, Cisneros helped rebuild the city's economic base and created jobs through massive infrastructure and downtown improvements.

James Hunt, Jr., chairman of the board, James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy, 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 is 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 North Carolina's education 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. In 2009, President Obama appointed Jackson to serve on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, a 20-member advisory group dedicated to public policy.

Roderick Paige, chairman and founder, Chartwell Education Group, 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 looking to American education as a model. Building on a long and distinguished career in public education, Paige was the first school superintendent to serve as U.S. secretary of education. 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. Previously, he served as a member of the Houston board of education and then as 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 the Houston Independent School District, Paige served for a decade as dean of the College of Education at Texas Southern University.

Richard W. Riley, partner, Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough LLP, former U.S. secretary of education, former governor of South Carolina

Richard W. Riley is currently a partner in the law firm Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough. As governor of South Carolina from 1979 to 1987, 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 as education secretary, 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, to prepare young people for the world of work and to improve teaching. Since leaving his national post in 2001, Riley has continued to serve on a number of boards and work with a variety of entities to improve education across America.

Donna Shalala, president, University of Miami, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

Donna Shalala began her commitment to public service early as one of the country's first Peace Corps volunteers, serving in Iran from 1962 to 1964. Currently president of the University of Miami, Shalala has more than 25 years of experience as an accomplished scholar, teacher and administrator. In 1993, President Clinton appointed her secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where she served for eight years, becoming the longest serving HHS Secretary in U.S. history. Shalala also served in the Carter Administration as assistant secretary for policy development and research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Margaret Spellings, executive vice president, National Chamber Foundation and former U.S. secretary of education

Margaret Spellings is executive vice president of the National Chamber Foundation, where she provides strategic and management leadership, including critical support for the chamber's Campaign for Free Enterprise. From 2005 to 2009, she served as U.S. secretary of education under President George W. Bush. As a member of the president's Cabinet, Spellings led the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). She was White House domestic policy advisor from 2001 to 2005, during which time she managed the development of the president's domestic policy agenda. Prior to her service in the White House, Spellings served as senior advisor to then-Governor George W. Bush of Texas, led government relations efforts for the Texas Association of School boards, served in various leadership capacities for the Texas legislature, and worked for local education organizations including Austin Community College.

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 2.1 million members, 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."

The following leaders serve on The Broad Prize Selection Jury, but were recused from or did not participate in the 2009 selection process:

- **John Engler**, president and chief executive officer, National Association of Manufacturers and former governor of Michigan
- **Susan Hockfield**, president, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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