

Margaret Spellings

Margaret Spellings is President and CEO of Margaret Spellings and Company and a leading national expert on public policy. Spellings also serves as a senior advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and as President of the U.S. Forum for Policy Innovation. As President, Spellings oversees the Chamber's three non-profit foundations: the Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW), the National Chamber Foundation (NCF), and the Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC). In addition, she is a senior advisor to the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), a global management consulting firm. Her work also includes guiding philanthropic and private sector organizations in meeting their strategic goals.

Spellings served as U.S. Secretary of Education from 2005 to 2009. In that role, she oversaw an agency with a nearly \$70 billion budget and more than 10,000 employees and contractors. As a member of the President's Cabinet, she led the implementation of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), a historic national initiative to provide enhanced accountability for the education of 50 million U.S. public school students.

In higher education, Spellings launched a national policy debate and action plan to improve accessibility, affordability, and accountability in our nation's colleges and universities. Spellings initiated international outreach and collaboration by leading delegations on behalf of the President of the United States as well as overseeing the development and implementation of international education agreements with such countries as China, Russia, and the United Arab Emirates.

As White House Domestic Policy Advisor, from 2001 to 2005, she managed the development of the President's domestic policy agenda. Her achievements include the development and passage of NCLB, oversight of the development of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the development of a comprehensive immigration plan to ensure long-term economic stability and to secure U.S. borders, and numerous other initiatives on health and human services, transportation, labor, justice and housing.

Prior to her service in the White House, Spellings was senior advisor to then-Governor George W. Bush of Texas, led governmental and external relations for the Texas Association of School Boards, and has served in key positions at Austin Community College and with the Texas Legislature.

Spellings serves on the boards of America's Promise Alliance, The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems, ConnectEdu, The Education Equality Project, and Special Olympics. She is also a member of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Advisory Council and The Aspen Institute Commission to Reform the Federal Appointments Process.

She is an experienced public speaker and media personality who speaks with authority on policy and politics to business and civic audiences. She has appeared on *Meet the Press*, *Celebrity Jeopardy*, *the Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, and *the Colbert Report*, among others.