

DAVID BOARDMAN BIOGRAPHY

David Boardman is the chief strategy officer of Temple University and dean of its Klein College of Media and Communication. He works closely with President John Fry and Temple leadership on implementation of the university's strategic plan, and leads the Klein College.

Boardman has served as dean of Klein since 2013. Over that time, the school has dramatically increased its national profile, its research output and its fundraising. In 2018 and 2022, Temple University Television, an enterprise of the Klein College, was named the nation's best college television station by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, and in 2026, the station won an Edward R. Murrow Award for nation's best college newscast. In 2022, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication named Boardman the Administrator of the Year.

Previously, Boardman was a journalist and served as president of the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Immediately before joining Temple, he was executive editor and senior vice president of The Seattle Times, the largest news organization in the Pacific Northwest.

Under his leadership, The Seattle Times won four Pulitzer Prizes and produced 10 Pulitzer finalists. Boardman personally has been the recipient of numerous other major national awards, including the National Ethics Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Goldsmith Prize in Investigative Reporting from Harvard University, the Worth Bingham Prize in Investigative Reporting, the Investigative Reporters and Editors Award and the Associated Press Managing Editors Public Service Award.

Boardman remains active in the journalism industry and in the Philadelphia community. He is founding chair of the Lenfest Institute for Journalism, the nonprofit that owns The Philadelphia Inquirer. He chairs Spotlight PA, a nonprofit news organization focused on public affairs. He is the immediate past chair of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and is a member of its executive committee. He also serves on the boards of the Solutions Journalism Network, the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, and the Metcalf Institute for Environmental Journalism. He also serves on the advisory board of ProPublica.

Boardman also is a past president and board member of Investigative Reporters and Editors and of the American Society of News Editors, and served as chairman of the National Advisory Board of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies. He is a Poynter Ethics Fellow. He is a former member of the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation Board and has served six times as a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes.

Boardman has conducted seminars for journalists in Austria, Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Hong Kong, Israel, The Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa and Turkey.

Before joining The Seattle Times, Boardman was a reporter and editor at several papers in the Northwest, and worked on a construction project in Liberia, West Africa. He is a graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and has a graduate degree from the University of Washington. He is an inductee of both the Medill Alumni Hall of Achievement and the University of Washington Communications Hall of Fame. In 2026, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Temple University.

He has volunteered as a youth basketball coach and has served on advisory boards supporting music and journalism programs in public schools. Boardman has two daughters and he enjoys kayaking, hiking, yoga, reading, cooking, wine, travel, music and cheering on the Temple Owls and Philadelphia's sports teams, all with his wife, Kate.