

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Gregory White

PERSON

White, Gregory Alvin, 1963-

Alternative Names: Gregory White;

Life Dates: October 18, 1963-

Place of Birth: Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Work: Chicago, Illinois

Occupations: Education Chief Executive

Biographical Note

Charter school network president Gregory A. White was born on October 18, 1963, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Gertrude White and Jerome White. He graduated in 1981 from the Park School of Baltimore, in Brooklandville, Maryland, and received his B.A. degree in economics and development studies in 1985 from Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island, and his M.B.A. degree in general management in 1990 from Harvard Business School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

White began his career as an assistant field officer at the Enterprise Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1985. In 1986, he became an assistant research analyst at the Rouse Company in Baltimore. After business school, White moved to Chicago and became an account officer at Continental Bank in 1990 and a fixed income salesman at Salomon Brothers in 1993. White founded Corporate Advisory Services in 1995 and served as its president for eleven years. In 1998, White co-founded Chicago Venture Partners, L.P., and served as a partner for eight years. From 2003 to 2013, White served as an adjunct professor in the entrepreneurship program and the Department of Finance at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, in Evanston, Illinois. In 2006, White became vice president of strategy and operations at the Chicago Community Trust. In 2008, White became the first president and CEO of LEARN Charter Schools, in Chicago, Illinois.

White has served on the boards of LEARN Charter Schools, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, Beacon Academy, the Park School of Baltimore, Christ The King High School, National Louis University, Lakefront Supportive Housing, and the Chicago Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Board.

White has been a recipient of the Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship and a Broad Academy fellowship in urban public education.

White and his wife, Leslie Davis, live in Chicago, Illinois. They have two children: Chad White and Cameron White.

Gregory A. White was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 3, 2021.

Related Entries

Park School of Baltimore [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Brown University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Harvard Business School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.B.A.

Irvington Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Enterprise Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1985 to 1986]

Assistant Field Officer

Rouse Company [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1986 to 1988]

Assistant Research Analyst

Continental Bank [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1990 to 1993]

Account Officer

Salomon Brothers [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1993 to 1995]

Fixed Income Salesman

Corporate Advisory Services [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1995 to 2006]

Founder and President

Chicago Venture Partners, L.P. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1998 to 2006]

Co-founder and Partner

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2003 to 2013]

Adjunct Professor

Chicago Community Trust [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2006 to 2008]

Vice President of Strategy and Operations

LEARN Charter Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2008 to ?]

President and CEO

Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Beacon Academy [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Park School of Baltimore [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

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Lakefront Supportive Housing [MEMBEROF]

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Board Member

Chicago Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Board [MEMBEROF]

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