

Patricia de Stacy Harrison
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The Honorable Patricia de Stacy Harrison is the president and chief executive officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the leading funder of public radio and public television programming for the American people. Under her leadership, Ms. Harrison has strengthened public media through the strategic focus of CPB in three important areas: investments in innovation and technology; investments in and commitment to diversity of content, talent and service; and investments in local community engagement, partnerships and service.

Under Ms. Harrison's leadership in 2011, CPB launched American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen, a nationwide public media initiative to help communities across the country identify and implement solutions to the high school dropout crisis. To date, over 120 stations in 49 states and one territory are working with more than 1,700 local partners and schools to encourage students to stay on track to graduation. For her work and commitment to helping young people stay on the path to a high school diploma through American Graduate, Ms. Harrison was honored in 2016 with a Promise of America Award from the America's Promise Alliance.

Prior to joining CPB in 2005, Ms. Harrison served as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs and Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. A former successful entrepreneur and Co-Chair of the Republican National Committee, Ms. Harrison is a frequent speaker and writer on the subjects of leadership, communication strategy and constituency building.

Ms. Harrison is the chairman of the Leadership Council of Women and Girls Lead, a public media anti trafficking initiative focused on education for women and girls worldwide. She also sits on the boards of the National Italian American Foundation, the American University of Rome and most recently, the National Parkinson Foundation. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Advisors at the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security.

She is the recipient of many awards and honors, including the 2008 Leadership Award from the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the U.S. Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award. In 2012, she was included on the Forbes list of "Women Changing the World in Media" for establishing Women and Girls Lead and her continued leadership on the project.

Ms. Harrison received her B.A. from American University, Washington D.C., and an honorary doctorate from the American University of Rome in 2002. She is a former Thomas Colloquium on Free Enterprise guest lecturer at Youngstown State University in Ohio and was a visiting fellow at the Institute for Public Service of the Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania, in 2000, and at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, in 1992.

She is the author of two books, *A Seat At The Table: An Insider's Guide for America's New Women Leaders* and *America's New Women Entrepreneurs*.