

2026 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE

John W. Madigan — CLASS OF 1954

John W. Madigan is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Tribune Company. He served as Chairman from 1996 through December 2003 and was Chief Executive Officer from May 1996 until December 2002. Tribune Company was a media industry leader with newspaper, broadcasting, and baseball operations in major markets throughout the United States.



Madigan was a special partner of Madison Dearborn Partners and was also a director of Gilead Sciences, McCormick Tribune Foundation, Morgan Stanley, and Boise Cascade, a member of the Board of Overseers of the Hoover Institution, and a past chairman of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Commercial Club of Chicago, and the Chicago Cubs. He also serves as a trustee of Northwestern University and Rush University Medical Center, and he served on the boards of the Museum of Television & Radio in New York, the Associated Press, and the Defense Business Board of the Pentagon. Mr. Madigan served in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserves.

