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Michela English is President and CEO of Fight for Children, a nonprofit organization that provides high-quality education and health care solutions to underserved youth in the Washington, D.C., area. Previously, English served as an executive of Discovery Consumer Products and Discovery Communications, Inc. She held the positions of President of Discovery Consumer Products and Discovery Communications; President of Discovery Enterprises Worldwide; and President of Discovery.com. Under her leadership, Discovery rapidly developed and launched new initiatives that built upon and enhanced its television brands and consumer relationships.

Before joining Discovery, English was Senior Vice President of the National Geographic Society, where she was responsible for marketing, book publishing, *Traveler* magazine, *World* magazine for children, educational media and international publishing. She spearheaded the 1995 launch of *National Geographic* magazine in the Japanese language, the publication's first non-English edition. English previously had served as Vice President of Marketing, directing product development and marketing activities for Society membership, books, videos, magazines and other educational products.

English has served as a consultant for such clients as Marriott Corporation and MCI. She also was Vice President of Corporate Planning and Business Development for Marriott Corporation and worked as Senior Engagement Manager for the global management consulting firm McKinsey & Company. While there, she helped top management in major media and diversified companies with the design and implementation of strategic plans, improvements in operations, and organizational changes.

English currently serves on the boards of directors for a number of corporations and organizations, including Gladstone Capital Corporation, the DC Preparatory Academy (a charter school), The College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science Advisory Council, and the Yale School of Management Advisory Board. She also is a member of the ETS Board of Trustees. English previously had served on the boards of Riggs National Corporation, Windsor Pet Care, Inc., the Supreme Court Historical Society, and the Potomac KnowledgeWay. She also was a Director of the NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education and Chairman of the Board of Sweet Briar College.

English earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international affairs at Sweet Briar College and a master's degree in public and private management at Yale University's School of Management.