

## Leo Edward Linbeck III

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### EDUCATION

BA, Program of Liberal Studies (Great Books), University of Notre Dame

BS, Civil Engineering, University of Notre Dame

Five year, dual-degree program

MS, Structural Engineering, University of Texas at Austin

Thesis program, research focus on earthquake engineering

MBA, Stanford Graduate School of Business

Henry Ford Scholar (Valedictorian)

Arjay Miller Scholar

Arbuckle Award Winner

Awarded by classmates to student who most contributed to GSB

Only student in GSB history to win both Arbuckle and Ford Scholar

Founder, Global Management Program

Chairman, Academic Committee

Co-Coordinator, Public Management Program

### BUSINESS

1988-

Aquinas Companies, LLC

President and CEO since 2002. Four principal operating businesses: construction management (Linbeck Group – started by grandfather in 1939), biomedical venture studio (Fannin Innovation Studio), real estate development (Essex Properties), and vocational education (Third Frontier). Previously served in a variety of roles in Linbeck Group, LLC including CEO, Executive Vice President of Client Development, Director of Information Systems, Estimator, Engineer, Ironworker, and Laborer. One of the premier institutional construction firms in the US, having built many iconic projects such as Crystal Bridges Museum, Brockman Hall for Opera, McNair Campus for Baylor College of Medicine, Winspear Opera House, Federal Reserve Bank in Houston, Texas Heart Institute, and Cook Children's Hospital. Established Linbeck as an industry leader in lean construction and digital technologies.

Founded and chairs Fannin Innovation Studio, a biomedical product development studio that has spun out several clinical-stage companies and currently has more than a dozen active programs. Fannin and spinouts have raised more than \$40M in grants and \$140M of private investor capital. Created a 2-year fellowship program for aspiring life science product entrepreneurs. Co-inventor on 7 issued patents.

- 1996-2002      NextStage Entertainment Corporation  
Served as President and CEO of this startup developer and operator of mid-size live performance facilities and producer of live entertainment content. Raised more than \$60M of private equity, created a public-private partnership to finance and develop first facility outside of Dallas, and built an operating and production organization from the ground-up.
- 1987-1988      Nishimatsu Kensetsu Kaisha  
Worked as a trainee for this large Japanese construction organization. First non-Japanese employee of the company in Japan. Lived and worked like a Japanese *sarariman* in Osaka and Tokyo. Spent six weeks at the company's research center.
- 1986-1987      Jafy Development Corporation  
Was Director of Software Development for this startup software company, which was formed by several professors at the University of Texas to create software for structural engineering. Designed, coded, debugged, and documented the firm's first product, EasyBeam.

## COMMUNITY

### Families Empowered

Co-Founder, currently Board Chair. Works with low-income families to help them engage in a system of choice. Families who don't win the lottery to enter high-performing charter schools can work with FE to find alternatives to traditional public district schools.

### Seton Education Partners

Founding Board Member, currently Board Chair. Works with inner-city Catholic schools to create alternative models to allow for financial sustainability so they can continue to serve low-income communities.

### Center for Opportunity Urbanism

Founding Board Chair, currently Vice Chair. A think-tank that engages on urban issues. Focuses on economic opportunity and upward mobility, vs. aesthetics of city design.

### KIPP Academy, Houston

Developed strategic growth plan for this innovative charter school. Led team that created credit support program with the Gates Foundation for KIPP bonds in 2009 after the financial crisis.

### Young Presidents Organization

Former Houston Chapter Chair.

Positive Coaching Alliance  
National Advisory Board Member.  
Was instrumental in bringing PCA to Houston.

## **ACADEMIC**

Stanford Graduate School of Business  
Lecturer in Management.  
MBA Class of 1978 Lecturer for 2008-2009.  
Curriculum Committee, 2007-2008.

Rice University, Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business  
Adjunct Professor in the Practice of Management.  
Taught classes on Managing Growth and Critical Thought.  
Two-Time Winner of the Alumni Teaching Award.

Rice Education Entrepreneurship Program  
Co-Founder, Chair of Advisory Board.  
Instructor, REEP Summer Institute.

University of Texas at Austin  
Member, Academy of Distinguished Alumni, Department of  
Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering

## **POLITICAL**

Campaign for Primary Accountability  
Founded and operated largest non-partisan SuperPAC in 2012  
election cycle engaged in congressional campaigns. Led the  
effort to unseat unpopular incumbents in 10 races  
6 Republicans and 4 Democrats.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Why Congress Doesn't Work*, The American Conservative, June 2012  
*Refactoring for Subsidiarity*, in *Localism in America*, edited by Joel Kotkin and  
Ryan Streeter, American Enterprise Institute, February 2018.

## **PERSONAL**

Married for 34 years  
Five children  
Roman Catholic  
Wears bow ties to work  
Javascript hack