JON M. HUNTSMAN
Philanthropist, Industrialist, Author

AFFILIATIONS

Founder and Executive Chairman, Huntsman Corporation

Founder and Chairman, Huntsman Cancer Institute

Benefactor, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, Utah State University

Chairman and Co-Founder, Huntsman Gay Global Capital

AWARDS

1971 José Marti Brotherhood Award, from Cuban Americans, Most Respected U.S. Citizen

1994 Kaveler Award, Most Outstanding CEO, Chemical Industry

2014 Othmer Award, Outstanding Inventions in Plastics, Chemical Heritage Foundation

2006 American Red Cross Excellence in Governance Award

1991 Armenian Medal of Honor

1994 American Academy of Achievement

1996 Great Humanitarian Award Freedom Foundation

1997 Horatio Alger National Award

1999 Armenian Presidential Award

2000 Named One of Ten Most Influential Utahns in the 20th Century

2001 Entrepreneur of the Year

2003 Humanitarian of the Year

2008 Medal of Honor, American Cancer Society

2010 Distinguished Public Service Award, American Assn. for Cancer Research Inducted into Idaho’s Hall of Fame

National Award for Charity (Restoring Honor Day, Washington, D.C.)

2011 Service Above Self Award

WSJ’s Innovator of the Year Award

2013 Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement, American Chemical Society’s CM&E Group

Jon M. Huntsman is Founder and Executive Chairman of Huntsman Corporation, a global manufacturer and marketer of specialty chemicals.

Forty years ago, Mr. Huntsman began a small entrepreneurial plastics packaging business. Originally known for pioneering innovations in packaging and, later, for rapid and integrated growth in petrochemicals, its operating companies today manufacture chemical products used in a wide range of industries, with more than 12,000 employees and multiple locations worldwide. The Company’s 2012 revenues exceeded $11 billion.

Mr. Huntsman earned his undergraduate degree at The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from the University of Southern California. He has been awarded thirteen honorary doctorate degrees.

Mr. Huntsman was a U.S. Naval Gunnery Officer. He served under President Richard M. Nixon as Special Assistant to the President and as White House Staff Secretary.

Jon Huntsman, characterized by Elite Traveler magazine as a “folksy patriarch” and “a cross between Mark Twain and Warren Buffett,” authored a book on corporate ethics entitled, Winners Never Cheat: Everyday Values We Learned as Children (But May Have Forgotten). The second edition is entitled Winners Never Cheat: Even in Difficult Times and made the Wall Street Journal’s best sellers list. His autobiography, Barefoot to Billionaire: Reflections on a Life’s Work and a Promise to Cure Cancer, was released in October 2014 to wide acclaim.

Mr. Huntsman has served in senior leadership positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the past fifty years.

Jon and Karen Huntsman are the parents of nine children. They have 56 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Huntsman is widely recognized as one of America’s foremost concerned citizens and philanthropists. Elite Traveler described him as a cross between Mark Twain and Warren Buffett. His lifetime humanitarian giving, including contributions to the homeless, the ill and the under-privileged, exceeds $1.4 billion and has assisted thousands, both domestically and internationally.

He was a member of the American Red Cross Board of Governors from 1997-2005 and from March through October, 2013. He also serves on the board of the Beaumont Foundation.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy placed Mr. Huntsman second on their 2007 list of largest donors. In 2011, Forbes Magazine counted him among the 18 “most generous givers on the planet.”

Mr. Huntsman and his wife, Karen, founded the Huntsman Cancer Institute in 1995 to accelerate the work of curing cancer through human genetics. The Institute is now one of America’s major cancer centers dedicated to finding a cure. The combined facility features leading-edge research laboratories and a state-of-the-art hospital treating cancer patients. The recently announced $100 million expansion will double the laboratory space and create the Primary Children’s and Families’ Cancer Research Center, which will focus exclusively on inherited and childhood cancers.

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