

Paul Michael Jones

Paul Jones is a successful businessman and entrepreneur who has founded and led several highly successful firms. Most recently, Mr. Jones founded the Learning Realization Institute (LRI), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in April 2009 that helps students achieve their educational goals by correcting their reading and math challenges. In late 2005 Mr. Jones founded the Corporate & University Relations Group (CURG) to help universities develop strategic partnerships with industry. Mr. Jones continues as CEO of CURG. Prior to starting LRI and CURG, Paul was Director of Corporate Relations at Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA (March 2002 – December 2005). In this capacity he initiated several innovative programs including strategic alliances with numerous major corporations and federal laboratories, a corporate scholars program to recruit and retain underrepresented students with financial assistance from various private sector and federal organizations, and a Global Clinic Program in which students from Harvey Mudd College teamed with students at foreign universities to address technical problems of interest to corporate sponsors.

From 1992 to 2001, Mr. Jones was the president and CEO of the Paul Jones Consulting Group that designed and implemented a highly successful Corporate Partner Program at California State University, Long Beach, co-developed Project Excel Learning Enrichment Programs with Dr. Stephen Truch, Executive Director of The Reading Foundation in Calgary, Canada, and developed the Electronic Recruiting Notebook (ERN), a custom designed multi-media communications program that empowered staffing professionals to present and collect information needed to initiate and complete the sourcing, recruiting, selection and hiring process. As president and CEO of Joblink, Inc. from 1987 to 1992, Mr. Jones developed and implemented JobLink, the first nationwide computer-based employment information system. This award-winning pre-internet system provided subscribing employer profiles and job listings to students and alumni at more than 150 of the top university career centers throughout the United States. In 1969, Mr. Jones founded and was president and CEO of Career Research Systems, Inc., a career services publishing and contract company that produced more than 140 employment related publications annually by 1986.

Mr. Jones holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from California State University, Long Beach.