

George Barrett

George Barrett is a nationally recognized healthcare industry leader with a distinguished career leading global corporations. As the founder of The Overtone Group, he advises companies and nonprofit organizations, mentors senior executives and the next generation of leaders, and is a frequent speaker on leadership and healthcare.

Barrett served as chairman and CEO of Cardinal Health, a Fortune 20 multi-national healthcare services company. During his tenure of nearly a decade, Cardinal Health was recognized as one of Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies and Forbes America's Best Employers. Barrett was recognized by Institutional Investor as Top CEO on the All-America Executive Team and as Top CEO in the annual Glassdoor Employees' Choice Awards.

Barrett serves as a director on multiple boards, including Target Corporation, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and The Conference Board, and sits on the governing committee of The Columbus Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the United States. He is also a past co-chair of a National Academy of Medicine initiative on climate and human health.

He is a visiting professor at New York University's Stern School of Business and an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. A lifelong musician and songwriter, Barrett has released two albums, *Not Alone* (2023) and *Rearrange Things* (2025), and is a trustee of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Barrett is a graduate of Brown University and holds an M.B.A. from NYU. He is also the recipient of multiple honorary doctorates. He is a trustee emeritus of Brown University and a governor emeritus of Brown's Thomas J. Watson Jr. School of International and Public Affairs. Barrett has received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and Peter G. Peterson Business Statesmanship Award, among others, recognizing his dedication to community service and the public good.