



## Ambassador Barbara M. Barrett

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In addition to serving as a member of The Aerospace Corporation's Board of Trustees, from December 2013 to December 2017 Ambassador Barbara M. Barrett was chairman of the Aerospace board. She also served as Aerospace's vice chairman for one year. Originally elected to the Aerospace board in 2006, she served until her confirmation as the U.S. Ambassador to Finland in 2008. Following completion of her service in Finland, she was reelected to the Aerospace board effective June, 2010.

In addition to Aerospace she serves on the governing boards of RAND Corporation, the Smithsonian Institution, the California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Lasker Foundation.

Earlier, she was a senior advisor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, a fellow teaching leadership at Harvard University, CEO of the American Management Association, deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and vice chairman of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board. She served on the governing boards of Raytheon Company, Piper Aircraft, Mayo Clinic, Exponent, The Space Foundation, Sally Ride Science, Hershey Trust and the Center for International Private Enterprise. She chaired the State Department's Women's Economic Empowerment Working Group, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce's biennial Export Conference.

In her home state of Arizona, Ambassador Barrett served as the interim president of Thunderbird School of Global Management. She chaired the Economic Club of Phoenix, Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, Arizona World Affairs Council and Arizona District Export Council. She was founding chairman of Valley Bank of Arizona and a partner in a large Phoenix law firm and before age 30 she was an executive of two global *Fortune* 500 companies.

In other roles, Ambassador Barrett was president of the International Women's Forum. As a member of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council, she founded Project Artemis, a Thunderbird program to train and mentor Afghan women entrepreneurs.

Ambassador Barrett earned bachelor's, master's, and law degrees at Arizona State University (ASU). Honorary doctorates have been conferred by ASU, Thunderbird, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the University of South Carolina, Pepperdine University and Finlandia University. She has been recognized with the Horatio Alger Award, the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship, the Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award and the Committee for Economic Development's *Leadership in our Nation's Interest* award.

Ambassador Barrett is the owner of Triple Creek Guest Ranch, a Montana hideaway.

An instrument-rated pilot, in 2009 she trained at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia, and Kazakhstan, culminating in certification for space travel.