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Dr. Stephen Klasko is a transformative leader and advocate for a revolution in our systems of healthcare and higher education. After eight years in Philadelphia reimagining the future of Jefferson, he is now pursuing his vision of a creative reconstruction of healthcare and addressing health inequities.

As President of Thomas Jefferson University and CEO of Jefferson Health from 2013–2021, he led one of the nation’s fastest growing academic health institutions based on his vision of reimagining healthcare and higher education. Under his leadership, Jefferson expanded from three hospitals to 18 and from a health sciences university to a professional university with multiple campuses. Its revenue grew from \$1.8 billion to \$9 billion. His 2017 merger of Thomas Jefferson University with Philadelphia University created a preeminent national doctoral university that includes top-20 programs in fashion and design and occupational therapy, the first design-thinking curriculum in a medical school, and the nation’s leading research on the role of empathy in healthcare.

His track record of success has earned him *Modern Healthcare’s* number two spot in 2018’s “100 Most Influential Individuals,” number 21 in *Fast Company’s* “100 Most Creative People in Business 2018,” “Philadelphia Entrepreneur of the Year 2018,” Ernst & Young’s “Greater Philadelphia Entrepreneur of the Year 2018,” and *Becker’s Hospital Review’s* “100 Great Leaders in Healthcare.”

Dr. Klasko is an internationally recognized advocate for transformation in healthcare and higher education. He is the author of 2020’s *UnHealthcare: A Manifesto for Health Assurance*, with Silicon Valley investor Hemant Taneja. In 2019, he spoke about the future of hospitals at the World Economic Forum in Davos, and in 2020 was named a Distinguished Fellow of the World Economic Forum and co-chair of its Board of Stewards for the forum’s platform on the digital economy. He is co-author of the 2020 book, *Patient No Longer* with Ryan Donohue, and author of *Bless This Mess: A Picture Story of Healthcare in America*, *WE Can Fix Healthcare in America*, and *The Phantom Stethoscope*. He served as dean of two medical colleges and leader of three academic health centers before becoming President and CEO at Jefferson.