

MICHAEL GARTNER: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Michael Gartner is a native Iowan and lifelong journalist. Over the years, he has been Page One Editor of The Wall Street Journal, editor and president of The Des Moines Register, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, general news executive of Gannett Co. and USA Today, and president of NBC News. In 1997, he won the Pulitzer Prize for editorials he wrote for the Ames Tribune, where he was editor and co-owner. He has also been a columnist for The Wall Street Journal and USA Today. Gartner was the first chairman of Vision Iowa, the program established by Gov. Tom Vilsack to help transform the infrastructure of Iowa's cities and towns, and is a member of and former president of the Iowa Board of Regents, which oversees the state's three universities. He also is the chairman and principal owner of the Iowa Cubs, the triple-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. Gartner is a graduate of Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and the Law School of New York University. He is a member of the bar in Iowa and New York. In 1994, Gartner was a fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University.