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A Conversation with Education Executive Ronald Klausner '75, CEO at Graduation Alliance

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RON KLAUSNER is the chief executive officer and Board member of Graduation Alliance, a company that provides versatile pathways to high school graduation for youth and adults, fosters college and career exploration, and connects job creators to skilled and ready workers. Previously, he held a series of executive positions within the education market following three decades of leadership experience inside the business solutions sector.

Between 2013–15, Ron served as interim CEO at Academic Partnerships following an active, five-year history as a member of the board. Earlier, he led Cambium Learning Group, a K–12 curriculum and services company, as CEO following the firm's acquisition of Voyager Expanded Learning (where he had been president since 2005). Prior to Voyager, Ron served as president of ProQuest Information and Learning Company.

Ron came to the education market following a successful 27-year career with Dun & Bradstreet, a global business information and technology solutions provider, where he served as senior vice president, U.S. Sales and led a segment with more than \$900 million in annual revenues. Even earlier at D&B, Ron led Global Data, Operations, and Customer Service in approximately 200 countries and had been chief financial officer and president of Asia Pacific/Latin America.

Ron earned his Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from New York University. He is the recipient of numerous industry awards, including the President's Award from the National Alliance of Black School Educators and the Southwest Entrepreneur of the Year from Ernst & Young.

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